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Lander Launches New Strategic Plan
With Focus on Academics, Enrollment
and Student Life

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Sparkling Display

Pictured, fireworks burst in the evening sky over Lander's campus, as seen through the jets of the university's front lawn fountain. A highlight of Family Day 2016, the sparkling display was just one of the fun-filled activities that brought together hundreds of Lander students, faculty, staff and their families for the traditional October festival. Along with carnival games and food, giant inflatables and pumpkin decorating, attendees were treated to live concerts at the fountain by D and Chi' and The Well Reds, followed by a mystifying performance by mentalist Chris Carter.

— photo by Deb Nygro





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A Message from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends:

No matter what your relationship is to Lander – an alum, a friend, a sports fan, an employee, a benefactor – you are going to really enjoy this issue of Lander Magazine.

This entire issue is a sort of snapshot of the Lander University experience. You'll see Welcome Week, when we bring our newest students on board, as well as stories and photos of student life here on campus, and a photo essay from spring 2016 commencement, when we launched our graduates out into the world. On top of those, you'll get a nostalgic review of Alumni Week and, as always, Class Notes to keep you up to date on all your fellow Lander alumni and friends.

I encourage you to read about our new strategic plan. With input from university and community stakeholders, the plan was carefully crafted with one primary goal: to put Lander University on a path of continued success and relevance in the years to come. With our new mission and a clear vision, we are poised for tremendous growth and opportunity – and indeed, we have already seen some of the plan's positive results in the form of a 2.5 percent enrollment increase this fall.

Lander University's people and programs have achieved some very notable accomplishments recently, too. You'll read about some of our dedicated and productive faculty members, as well as a couple of special designations our university and campus have earned lately. And, of course, our students and student-athletes continue to perform exceptionally well in the community, in the classroom, at conferences and on the playing field. From philanthropy to research to Peach Belt Conference titles, you can be proud of what Lander students are doing lately.

We graduated nearly 300 students in April and welcomed South Carolina Supreme Court Justice John Cannon Few as our guest speaker. Few shared wise words about heroism and our graduates' roles as leaders who can bring about change in the world. Our photographers were hard at work capturing some great moments from commencement; plenty of those photos are in these pages, too.

I continue to be impressed by Lander's dedicated alumni who maintain close ties to the university. April's Alumni Week drew many familiar faces back to our campus. Members of the Class of 1966 marked the 50th year of their graduation from Lander, and the Lander Alumni Association recognized some of our most impactful alumni with its annual awards ceremony. And I encourage you to visit the long list of generous donors who are helping to advance this great university.

This issue of Lander Magazine offers a glimpse into the life of this vibrant, growing university – *your* Lander. Enjoy.

Best Regards,



Richard Cosentino
President, Lander University





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Top: Awesome photo of freshman nursing major Kaitlin Amanda Champion, of Greenwood. – Photo courtesy of JBone Wideman Media Design LLC.

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Lander University
Soaking up the sunshine in Bearcat Country! #win



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Extremely happy to announce that I got accepted into my dream college! As of January 9th I will be a Lander University student! #GoBearcats

KeyAnn Rossnagle, of Chesnee

Lander will be composing a team of state Montessori educators to develop a SC State alignment with Montessori!

The Children's School, Rock Hill

Blessed to be part of such an unbelievable program. Beyond thankful for the opportunity to live out my dream #LanderUniversity #GoBearcats

Zachary Honeycutt, assistant baseball coach for the Bearcats

It's great to be back at Lander University! Currently I'm hanging out in the @LanderRadio1 studio! Brings back memories of sports talk & music.

David West '13

So excited to bump into #Lex3 graduates while touring Lander University today. So proud of them.

Randall Gary, Superintendent of Lexington School District Three

YouTube

[youtube.com/c/landeruniversity](https://www.youtube.com/c/landeruniversity)

Huge Freshman Class Arrives!

One of the largest freshman classes in Lander's history arrived on campus August 17. In typical Lander fashion, a host of campus volunteers equipped with hand-trucks, dollies and muscle power welcomed the students and their families during Freshman Move-In Day.

– videos by Mike Blackwell



Freshman Move-In Day



Bubble Ball Soccer at Lander



The New Residence Hall

SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR HELPING TO PROTECT S.C.'S COASTLINE



■ Dr. Daniel M. Harrison, professor of sociology, has been invited to take part in a two-year study that will be used to develop safeguards to protect South Carolina's coastal water infrastructure from the effects of climate change. The study is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and its findings will be presented to the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium.

"In a study such as this, it's crucial to anticipate the strains put upon society in times of adversity caused by environmental changes. These can include lost wages by not being able to get to work, and anxiety caused by significant damage to our homes and overall way of life," said Harrison.

According to data, climate change conditions have directly resulted in a sea level rise of 1.7 millimeters per year over the last century and over 3.2 millimeters in the last few decades. The southeastern coastal regions of the U.S. are particularly vulnerable to effects from climate change, and some areas are already experiencing potentially devastating impacts.

Gordon Earns People's Choice at Miss S.C. Pageant



■ In June, Miss Lander University 2015-16 Katlyn Gordon was among the 50-plus contestants vying for the title of Miss South Carolina 2016 – and though she didn't bring home the crown, she did earn one of the pageant's most-coveted awards: People's Choice.

Gordon, a junior music major from Clover, S.C., qualified for the statewide scholarship competition after claiming the title of Miss Lander University in November of last year.

The People's Choice Award was voted on by the community in advance of the competition, which took place June 25 in Columbia. Thanks to the support of her family and friends, Gordon received the most votes for the honor, which also earned her a spot as one of the pageant's Top 16 semifinalists.

A lifelong performer and singer, Gordon said competing in the Miss South Carolina event was a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience.

At Lander, Gordon is a member of the Lander University and Old Main Singers, the Jazz Ensemble and Opera Workshop, in addition to the Bearcat Dance Team. She is also a counselor at Camp Joy in North Carolina, a week-long summer program for children and others with special needs.



Lander Nursing Programs Receive Accreditation

■ Lander University's William Preston Turner School of Nursing this summer received accreditation for its bachelor's and master's degree nursing programs.

The Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) master's was accredited for five years, which is normal for a first-time evaluation, while the bachelor's program received full reaccreditation for 10 years. The designations were awarded by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an autonomous accrediting agency.

The evaluation procedure for both programs was rigorous. Faculty from the nursing school conducted a year-long self-study review based on CCNE's four standards, each of which includes key elements, then compiled a voluminous report for the commission. That was followed by a campus visit by four CCNE evaluators who spent three days last fall conducting their own review to ensure compliance with the standards. Their evaluation included interviews with administrators, faculty, students and people from the local community who are interested in and support the School of Nursing.

Reaccreditation is a significant achievement for Lander's nursing school, as students are looking for an accredited nursing program in order to qualify to go on to graduate school. The accreditation for the CNL master's program was especially exciting, since many health care organizations, including the Veterans Administration, employ clinical nurse leaders and are looking to hire more.

Dr. David Mash, Lander's vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, said the requirements to achieve CCNE accreditation represent the highest standards of quality assurance and public accountability for university nursing programs. "Students can be assured that they will receive the highest caliber of instruction from Lander's excellent nursing faculty." He added, "Our status with CCNE is also an important component of our university-level accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges."

Lander's nursing program dates back to 1956 when it became the first college in South Carolina to begin offering an associate's degree in nursing. Thirty years later, with a grant from The Self Family Foundation in Greenwood, it made the transition to a four-year bachelor's degree program.

Psychology Club Supports Beyond Abuse Agency

■ Gaining work experience and developing marketable skills are crucial for college students to become successful in the job market. Internships are a great way for students to test-drive a career path, build a résumé and connect with professionals in their chosen field.

Psychology majors at Lander University often satisfy internship requirements by volunteering as victim advocates and working for Beyond Abuse, a nonprofit agency located in Greenwood. Beyond Abuse is committed to raising awareness and providing support for victims of sexual violence and child abuse.

It was during an internship that Lander student Ari West recognized a need. As vice president of the Psychology Club, West approached members of her organization with an idea to hold a special fundraiser in support of Beyond Abuse.

Members reached out to the Zaxby's restaurant in Greenwood, which agreed to donate a portion of one night's income to the cause. The funds raised went toward assistance with non-grant funded expenses of Beyond Abuse.

"Lander students are a great asset to the community and our agency," said Cathy Miller, executive director of Beyond Abuse. The agency provides 24/7 crisis response, advocacy, counseling, assistance with filing victim's compensation, and educational awareness programs in Abbeville, Greenwood and Laurens counties.



Ari West, vice president of the Psychology Club at Lander University, left, presents a check to Cathy Miller, executive director of Beyond Abuse in Greenwood. The check represented proceeds from a fundraiser the club conducted. — contributed photo

Trustees Recognize Starnes for Service, Welcome Strickland to Board



■ George Starnes, a 1981 Lander alum and a longtime member of the Lander University Board of Trustees, was recognized in June with a resolution from the South Carolina Senate in honor of his extraordinary contributions to the university and to the citizens of the state.

Starnes retired from the board on June 30 after 24 years of service. The resolution was presented at the Trustees' June meeting by S.C. Senators Floyd Nicholson and Mike Gambrell.

Elected to the board in 1992, Starnes served as chair from 2001-05, marking the first time a Lander alum served in that capacity. Representing the 2nd Congressional District, he served as vice chair from 2013 until his retirement.

"George has always been completely immersed in Lander. He loves our school and knows it through the eyes of a student, a graduate, a major contributor, a trustee and a committed friend," said Jack Lawrence, chair of Lander's Board of Trustees. "The board relied on his financial expertise, his good judgment and his thorough knowledge of every aspect of our university. He has been a steadying influence and a strong supporter."

Starnes received the Young Alumnus of the Year award in 1996; served as co-chair of Lander's \$15-million comprehensive campaign committee from 2001-06; received the Grace Iler Norman Award in 2006; and established the George R. Starnes Family Scholarship in 2007. Starnes has also served as a board member for The Lander Foundation.



Filling Starnes' seat on the board is Columbia attorney Angela G. Strickland, a 2002 Lander graduate and a partner with Bowman and Brooke LLP. Her appointment to the position was announced in April following an election by the South Carolina General Assembly, and her four-year term began July 1.

A recipient of Lander's 2013 Young Alumna of the Year award, Strickland is active in the Alumni Association and has served on the university's Alumni Association Board of Directors and Young Alumni Council. She practices in the areas of product liability and personal injury defense, with a focus on the defense of automotive and other products, both consumer and industrial. She also maintains a practice representing clients in commercial, business litigation and toxic tort matters.

Strickland is a member of the American Bar Association, South Carolina Bar Association, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorney Association, Richland County Bar Association and South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

Also announced in April were the reappointments of six current board members whose new terms expire in 2020: Cary C. Corbitt, 1st Congressional District; Linda L. Dolny, 3rd Congressional District; Jack W. Lawrence, 4th Congressional District; S. Anne Walker, 5th Congressional District; Robert F. Sabalis, 6th Congressional District; and Catherine Frederick, 7th Congressional District.

Students Honored for Service, Academics

■ In April, Lander University recognized students for scholarship and cocurricular service during the 2015-16 academic year.

At the annual Academic Awards ceremony, more than 60 students received discipline-specific and special awards from the university's colleges and schools in honor of outstanding academic achievement. Honors College graduates and Alpha Chi inductees were also recognized.

Among the students and organizations earning top honors at Lander's Student Life Awards ceremony were: Jordan Beeler, of Aiken, recipient of the President's Award, recognizing service to the university community; Terrell "Tripp" Guinn, of Elberton, Ga., and Laura Brown, of Laurens, recipients of the Samuel and Laura Lander Man and Woman of the Year Awards, recognizing students who demonstrate the true spirit of Lander and encourage others to pursue excellence in all aspects of their collegiate endeavors; and Disney Perkins, of Society Hills, recipient of the Greek Woman of the Year Award, recognizing a junior or senior member of Lander's Greek chapters who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence and the betterment of the Greek community.



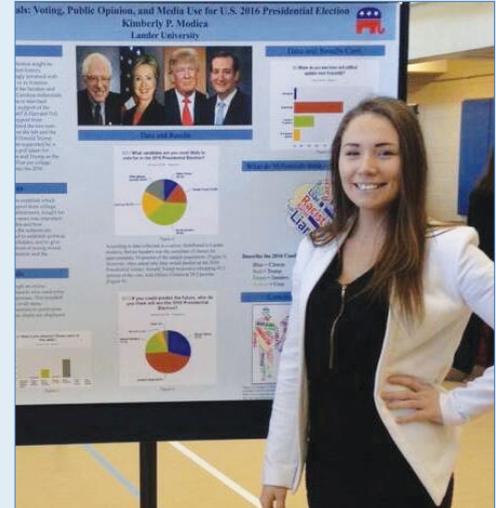
Jordan Beeler, President's Award recipient, stands with Lander President Richard Cosentino. – photos by Mike Blackwell



Disney Perkins, Greek Woman of the Year, right, is pictured with Shelby Dominick Reed, past director of Lander's Office of Student Activities.



Lander Man and Woman of the Year award recipients, from left, Tripp Guinn and Laura Brown are pictured with Randy Bouknight, vice president for Student Affairs.



Lander Students Present in National Research Conference

■ Three graduating Lander University seniors concluded the spring semester by competing in a national conference on student research held in Asheville, N.C.

Kimberly Modica, of Waterloo; Mariana Martins, of Portugal; and Renata Mello, of Brazil, were students in Lander's Honors College. The three made presentations at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR), which promotes research and scholarship in all fields of academic study by sponsoring an annual conference for students.

Modica's research poster was titled "Millennials: Voting, Public Opinion and Media Use for the 2016 Presidential Election."

Martins' research project was "Nutrition Education Strategies to Reduce Weight Gain During College Years," while Mello's presentation focused on the economic benefits and costs of the summer Olympics in her native Brazil.

Modica graduated with a political science degree and is now enrolled in the international relations master's degree program at the University College Dublin in Dublin, Ireland. Martins received a degree in exercise science and is planning to attend medical school. Mello earned a business degree with a marketing/management emphasis.

The annual NCUR conference brings together faculty, administrators, policy makers, representatives of funding agencies and others with an interest in conducting and promoting undergraduate research. It features a variety of workshops and presentations. – contributed photo

DUKE ENERGY SUMMER INSTITUTE CAMP CHALLENGES STUDENTS

■ Physics, forensics, mobile apps, microbes and chemistry were among the topics of discussion for some talented students who spent a handful of summer days on Lander's campus. Offered by Lander's College of Science and Mathematics, the Duke Energy Summer Institute challenged talented 5th- through 12th-graders to explore the world around them.

A forensics camp allowed students to enter the fascinating world of DNA technology and its use in law enforcement by investigating simulated crime scenes, collecting evidence and presenting DNA findings during a mock trial. Dr. David Slimmer, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, took curious physics camp participants on a tour of everyday phenomena using hands-on demonstrations in the lab.

Other camps taught tech-savvy students the art of building and developing mobile apps; guided the curious into the unseen world of microbes by investigating disease outbreaks; and led aspiring young scientists to discover the magic of chemistry using familiar kitchen products and hands-on lab experiments. In addition to educational activities, participants toured campus, interacted with faculty and students, and enjoyed movies, games and swimming.



Dr. Gilliean Lee, associate professor of computing, leads Greenwood-area middle and high school students in a workshop aimed at designing and building apps, as part of the Duke Energy Summer Institute at Lander University. — photo by Eric Lawson

'CREATEng' Leaders in Greenwood

■ Going to camp during summer break can be an exciting time of discovery for many teens, and Lander University's campus is often a destination for camp programs during the season. In 2016, the university was chosen to be the site for CREATEng, an engineering camp offered by the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

Traditionally held at middle and high school locations across the state, the four-day program provides rising 8th- and 9th-grade students from local schools with access to hands-on activities and field trip interactions with seasoned engineers in their community. Students who meet academic criteria and show a keen interest in science, mathematics and technology are selected to participate in the program.



Teammates Bryant Goodwin, a 9th grader at Greenwood High School (left), and Ethan Clark, an 8th grader at Ware Shoals Middle School, construct a tower using spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. — photo by Deb Nygro

The mid-July session took place on Lander's campus, providing a unique setting for dozens of aspiring engineers. Working in teams, students engaged in the problem-based curriculum to solve daily challenges using principles of engineering design. By applying the rules of civil engineering, campers constructed model dams, bridges and towers using materials such as spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. Biomedical technology was relied upon to build heart-rate monitors that would be used for training medical staff in third-world countries.



Lander Earns 'Tree Campus USA' for Fourth Consecutive Year

■ Lander University's commitment to campus tree management has been recognized yet again by the Arbor Day Foundation, which designated the university as a "Tree Campus USA," one of only seven schools in South Carolina to be selected for the award. It is the fourth year in a row that Lander has earned the designation.

To qualify, schools must meet five core standards, including having a campus tree advisory committee, a tree-care plan and service learning that engages students in conservation efforts. Dr. Diana Delach, assistant professor of environmental chemistry and chair of Lander's Arboretum Committee, described the award as an affirmation of Lander's ongoing project to identify, protect and add to the number of trees on campus.

Lander's Arboretum Committee includes students, current and retired faculty members, forestry department representatives and Greenwood residents with horticultural interests and backgrounds. Along with appointing "arborists-in-training," members of Lander's grounds crew who monitor campus trees and greenery, the committee is also using technology to gather information. For example, this spring, 20 Lander students enrolled in a variety of majors conducted a census to identify the species and number of trees on campus.



Monique Sacay-Bagwell Moonlights as Voiceover Artist

■ Professor of Theatre Monique Sacay-Bagwell has been moonlighting as a voiceover artist, a second job that so far has yielded three finished audiobooks and a new course at Lander: Voiceover Acting Techniques. The course was a hit from the start.

Sacay-Bagwell said that, while many students expressed an interest in taking the class, it is currently only offered for theatre students. "I want to keep it at a cap of 20, so that I can have that one-on-one experience and not make it a lecture class," she said.

For Sacay-Bagwell, narrating audiobooks is not unlike acting, which she has done for more than 30 years.

"It's sort of like doing a play, except I have to play everybody. There are no sets, lights or costumes. I have to create everything through my voice," she said.

Narrating audiobooks also differs from performing onstage in the sense that it is much more time-consuming. It generally takes a couple of months to finish a book.

Recording at home, in an oversized closet converted to a sound booth, is not without its challenges. Her "studio" is not soundproof, and she has to constantly monitor the level of noise.

She auditions for different authors and the projects they have available through Audiobook Creation Exchange (ACX). Voiceover artists are sometimes paid on an hourly basis; other times, they receive a share of royalties from sales.

"The author gets two edits, meaning they could come to me at the end of the whole process and say, 'I really don't like what you did. We need to do it again.' You want to avoid those situations by having good communication with your author."

Sacay-Bagwell said some of her voiceover students "have gotten pretty good," but none of them are ready to turn professional, which it takes most people – if they're serious about it – a year or two to do.

"My job in this class is not to make them go out and become voiceover actors, but to make them realize this is a possible career path for them," she said.

– photo by Rachael Hughes

FIRST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE DEDICATED AT LANDER

■ The new Lander chapter of Habitat for Humanity marked the completion of its first house with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the on-campus building site where construction began.

The ceremony included a blessing of the house by Chad Charles, executive director of the Greenwood-area chapter of Habitat for Humanity, with which the Lander chapter has partnered. Charles expressed the hope that the house would "be a refuge for peace and serenity" for those who dwell in it.

The program featured a presentation by Lander Assistant Professor of Art Sandy Singletary of a decorative towel rack, kitchen mural and wall painting created by Lander art students to make the house unique.

The ceremony concluded with a tour of the three-bedroom, two-bath house by those present.

The Lander chapter of Habitat for Humanity is an initiative of First Lady Jessica Cosentino. Lander President Richard Cosentino said the completion of the new chapter's first house was an exciting milestone for the university.

He thanked the many people who worked on "the first of many Habitat homes" that will be built at Lander.



Lander President Richard Cosentino and First Lady Jessica Cosentino, left, pose with members of the Lander chapter of Habitat for Humanity following the dedication of the new chapter's first house.



Len Young, of Young's Concrete in Greenwood, performs grading work for the driveway to the house built by the Lander chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The house is now in Kirksey Forest, in south Greenwood. – photos by Jeff Lagrone

New Leadership Team in Student Activities

■ The Office of Student Activities welcomed several new faces into leadership positions this summer. Director **Mike Rapay** believes the key to getting students more involved is giving them ownership of the programming, which helps them become more invested.

"I want them to have everything that comes with a good college experience," he says, "so that one day they will look back and say, 'I enjoyed my four years at Lander.'"

Rapay, who holds a bachelor's degree in history from Averett University and a master's in educational leadership from Old Dominion University, wants to focus on programming that engages and entertains. He endeavors to build a "learning laboratory" of opportunities outside the classroom by offering activities that nurture the growth of new friendships and foster leadership skills.

Jill Franklin joined Lander in June as Rapay's assistant director and director of Fraternity and Sorority Life. She earned an undergraduate degree in hospitality management from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's in educational leadership in college student affairs from Bloomsburg University.

Overseeing the coordination of large-scale events such as Homecoming, Franklin also provides assistance to the University Programming Council in planning movies, DIY crafts, karaoke, trivia nights and other leisure activities. Working closely with sororities and fraternities, Franklin coordinates visits and colonization of new organizations. As adviser to Lander's National Panhellenic Council (NPC), she strives to help members reach goals while creating lasting memories. "Making the Panhellenic community stronger and more meaningful is my passion," she says.

Recent Lander graduate **Erin Garland '14** brings a unique perspective to her new role as coordinator of Registered Student Organizations and Service Learning. As a student, she was very involved on campus, receiving Greek Woman of the Year honors and the President's Award.

Garland earned a bachelor's in business administration from Lander and is pursuing a master's in athletic administration from Western Kentucky University. A Lander employee since 2015, Garland previously provided administrative support to the vice president for Student Affairs.

As adviser to Lander's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, she successfully led efforts for the university's first on-campus build in 2016. Working with 60 registered organizations, Garland guides each group in developing and planning activities that will enrich students' lives.



Mike Rapay, director of Student Activities (middle) stands with Jill Franklin, assistant director of Student Activities and director of Fraternity and Sorority Life (left); and Erin Garland, coordinator of Registered Student Organizations and Service Learning.

—photo by Deb Nygro



Lander Named a Yellow Ribbon School

■ The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has named Lander University to its Yellow Ribbon Program in recognition of Lander's support of veterans of military service.

"Lander is a strong supporter of the Yellow Ribbon Program and is proud to be officially recognized as a partner in it," said Chris Giles, coordinator of Veterans Services at Lander. "We're committed to those who have selflessly served our great nation. We have taken a vow to assist our service members with a host of resources, including financial assistance, as they pursue their degree here at Lander."

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. It is designed to help students avoid having to pay out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees by allowing the university and the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund – partially or fully – the costs of a college education.

To take advantage of Yellow Ribbon Program benefits, a veteran or active duty service member must be enrolled in an approved program, such as the one at Lander. The requirements are that veterans must:

- Have served a collective period of active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, of at least 36 months;
- Have been honorably discharged from active duty with a service-connected disability and have served 30 continuous days after Sept. 10, 2001, or
- Be a dependent eligible for Transfer Entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill based on a veteran's service eligibility as defined by the criteria listed above.

For more information about taking part in the benefits of the Yellow Ribbon Program at Lander, call 864-388-8331 or send an email to cgiles@lander.edu.

Strategic Plan

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“The plan is so exemplary that it has been lauded by professionals at the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education as one of the best in the state.”

*Dr. David Mash
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Lander Unveils Bold Strategic Plan Charting a Course for Success

By Lisa Canada and Megan Price, photo by Deb Nygro

When Dr. Richard Cosentino arrived as Lander University's 12th president in the summer of 2015, he had several goals in mind.

Namely, he wanted to streamline the university's stated principles, increase enrollment, and boost Lander's position in national rankings, among other plans. But in a university environment, accomplishing these goals begins with a strategic plan.

Not long after his arrival, Cosentino called together an expansive circle of stakeholders, consisting of the executive cabinet and members of the university community – its faculty, students, alumni, donors and trustees, among others. A dialogue was begun on Lander's strengths, its weaknesses, and in particular, its areas of opportunity. The topics centered on the broader questions: what defines Lander, where do we fit in higher education, who are our biggest peers and competitors, how successful and engaged are our alumni?

Strategic plans often take up to two years to complete. But, like many colleges and universities, Lander was facing a downward trend in enrollment, meaning time was of the essence. Using the information gathered in the advisory stakeholder meetings, the president and his cabinet got to work quickly. And in just eight months, the groundwork was laid for a bold, new strategic plan –

a roadmap you might say – that would chart the course for Lander's continued growth and success over the next 10-15 years.

Redefining the Mission and Vision

One of the first tasks undertaken was to define the Lander "brand," followed by simplifying the university's vision and mission statements. Lander's 466-word mission was condensed to a powerful, concise 34-word statement: **"Lander University offers high-demand and market-driven programs to ambitious and talented students in South Carolina and beyond. These programs are delivered in a rich liberal arts environment to produce highly qualified and marketable graduates."**

Similarly, the vision statement underwent a much-needed trim, going from 353 words to just 17. It centered on the university's two objectives – preparing Lander graduates to launch their careers or continue their education in graduate school.

Defining the university's core values was another important task, as those set the framework for accomplishing the goals set forth in the strategic plan. To be successful in its mission, Lander needs to be relevant, timely, innovative, supportive, informed, responsive, competitive, sustainable, ethical, transparent and responsible.

Strategic Plan Framework



The Vision

All Lander graduates are educated, well rounded and prepared to continue their education or launch their careers.

The Mission

Lander University offers high-demand and market-driven programs to ambitious and talented students in South Carolina and beyond. These programs are delivered in a rich liberal arts environment to produce highly qualified and marketable graduates.

The Core Values

- Relevant
- Timely
- Innovative
- Supportive
- Informed
- Responsive
- Competitive
- Sustainable
- Ethical
- Transparent
- Responsible



Strategic Plan Launch

“The strategic plan is succinct, robust and informative. It is actionable and measurable. And most importantly, it gives Lander University a platform for moving forward to address the needs and challenges of higher education in the 21st century.”

Lander University President Richard Cosentino

Pillars for Success

With a shared vision, a concise mission statement, and a list of fundamental principles in place, the strategic plan’s 10 pillars began to emerge.

With actionable and measurable initiatives, the pillars define the primary areas where Lander’s leadership will direct attention and resources. Some are student-centered, such as an enhanced student experience and more selective recruitment; others focus on financial management and efficient operations; still others address academic programming and university advancement. As a group, these pillars serve as destinations along a route; individually they are signposts guiding the university forward.

Signature Programs

- Biology
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Exercise Science
- Financial Services
- Government Administration
- Health Care Management
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Management/Marketing
- Mass Communications
- Nursing
- Pre-Professional Studies
- Psychology
- Teaching (K-12)

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Pillar One: High-Demand, Market-Driven Programs

Initiatives:

- Identify signature programs
- Increase visibility of the nursing school
- Brand and market existing programs
- Continued evaluation and introduction of new programs

Lander University is a place where learning, energy and creativity flourish. But it is also a school that looks ahead. To ensure graduates are prepared to meet the needs of an evolving workforce, the university is investing in signature programs, defined as areas that are emerging in the marketplace and existing programs with strong enrollment.

In addition to expanding the Honors College, the university plans to draw on its partnerships with other national and international institutions to foster future academic and study abroad programs. Lander will also leverage connections with successful alumni to develop robust experiential learning opportunities.

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Pillar Two: Selective, Competitive Recruitment and Enrollment of Ambitious and Talented Students

Initiatives:

- Increase enrollment of in-state, out-of-state, veteran and international students
- Increase retention rate

The ultimate purpose of a strategic plan is to arrive at positive, measurable outcomes. In his State of the University Address in September, President Cosentino unveiled some preliminary results stemming from the early work on Lander’s strategic plan.

After five years of a downward trend in enrollment, an intensified focus on recruiting not only stopped the trend – it reversed it. The Fall 2016 semester included one of the largest freshman classes in Lander’s history, and the largest in the last six years, with 606 first-time freshmen registered – an 8 percent increase. Transfer student enrollment was also up 8 percent. Overall enrollment on the campus is up 2.5 percent.

In addition to boosting in-state efforts, Lander has started recruiting vigorously outside of South Carolina, in Georgia, Florida and the Northeast, and is heavily pursuing degree-seeking international students. A new Veterans Services Office and expanded ROTC opportunities helped Lander earn “Yellow Ribbon School” status in 2016, a designation recognizing a school’s exceptional support of veterans and active-duty military students.

Affordability is certainly an attractive recruitment feature. While other South Carolina colleges and universities increased tuition and fees an average of 5 percent for the 2016-17 academic year, Lander’s Board of Trustees in July approved a new tuition strategy that will freeze tuition for four years. It’s an innovative move – one that prompted S.C. Sen. Darrell Jackson to suggest that Lander would be the state’s “laboratory” for tuition strategies.

The new pricing plan also builds in dedicated fees for mission-critical areas such as safety, technology and student life, ensuring the university can create a more robust student experience. This is expected to have a positive impact on retention, as will the hiring of a retention expert and additional academic advisers.

The Faces of the Enrollment Front Lines

One of the most significant changes at Lander University over the last year has been the marked increase in enrollment. This success wasn't just good fortune. It was the result of careful planning, creative reorganization, and a whole lot of work from a committed group of Lander employees.

Andy Benoit came to Lander in the spring of 2016 as a new vice president; his job was to oversee the merger and expansion of several individual offices into a new Division of Enrollment and Access Management. This pivotal division – comprising the offices of Admissions, Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Orientation, International Programs and Veterans Services – is a direct response to the second pillar of Lander's strategic plan: the "selective, competitive recruitment of ambitious and talented students."

Jennifer Mathis, executive director of Admissions, leads a team of recruiters and staff who carry out the application process.



The Admissions Office has seen significant growth – both in recruiters and in scope. Since the reorganization, two regional recruiters have been hired for Georgia and Florida, and there is a tighter focus on recruiting transfer, ROTC and military-affiliated students.

Fred Hardin, director of Financial Aid, and his staff ensure that Lander complies with federal, state and university regulations as they pertain to student financial aid. He is also heavily involved in awarding scholarships and campus-based aid. He is excited about the direction of the university under the strategic plan. "We are poised to increase both the quality and quantity of our student body."



Kelly Proctor, university Registrar, is responsible for managing the academic records and enrollment of students, including overseeing course registration; keeping records of student academic performance and reporting those grades to students; providing transcripts; and tracking students' progress toward graduation.



Shelby Dominick Reed, director of New Student Orientation, started with Lander in 2012 as director of Student Activities and served as orientation director when the office was under Student Affairs. Now a part of the Enrollment team, she is launching Lander's new summer immersion program, Bearcat Camp. These two-day camps extend the traditional orientation experience, taking

students off campus and into Greenwood. "Many positive initiatives have been put into place," she says, "and our students will certainly be the beneficiaries of those changes."



Christopher Giles, director of Military and Veteran Services, leads the university's new outreach and support system for members of the military, veterans and their families. One of his goals is to increase Lander's military-affiliated student population from 80 to 200 or more.

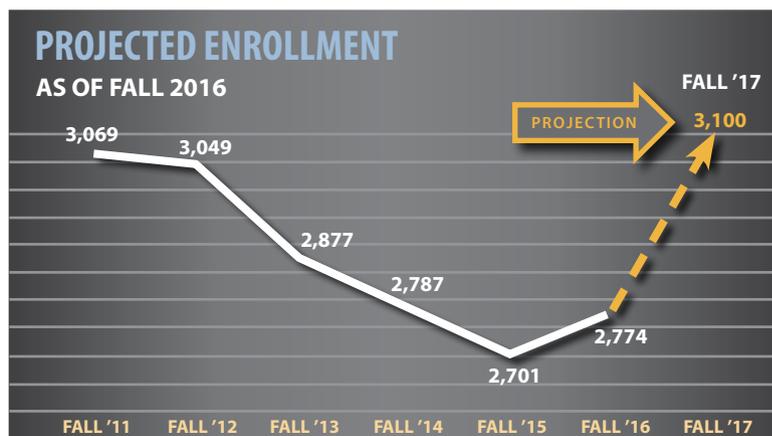
There is reason to be optimistic. Lander's rapidly increasing number of freshmen ROTC has risen from nine to 27 and makes up about 60 percent of the area's battalion, which includes Newberry and Presbyterian colleges. If this trend continues, Lander will have one of the larger ROTC programs in the state.

Already Lander is seeing some return on its investment; it was recently designated a "Yellow Ribbon School" for veterans.

Benoit's team is not yet complete. The division is currently recruiting a **Director of International Services** who will be charged with increasing the number of degree-seeking international students. The program will include growing Lander's English-as-a-second-language program, which will increase academic success among international students, and extending outreach into the Latin American market for international students.

And there is another important position in Enrollment and Access Management's future. The term "enrollment" includes not just new students, but also returning students. Universities everywhere strive to increase the number of students who do well enough academically to return each year and graduate in a timely fashion. A new **Assistant Vice President for Enrollment** will serve as the **Chief Retention Officer**, working with all of Lander's vice presidents to create activities that support student enrollment, and that diagnose and address problem areas that hinder student success.

Lander's establishment of the Division of Enrollment and Access Management and its investment of resources into recruiting and supporting a broader spectrum of students have already paid off – and will continue to do so. "Lander has made a significant commitment to developing, creating and expanding resources to support the recruitment and retention of students," Benoit says. "Next fall, we are on track to have the largest freshman class ever and one of the largest enrollments ever."





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Pillar Three: Robust Student Experience

Initiatives:

- Introduce new student venues
- Enhance student activities
- Ensure student safety
- Provide superior student advising

A vibrant campus environment is vital to a well-rounded university experience, and the strategic plan's third pillar focuses on growing and enhancing student life opportunities. With more than 60 clubs and student organizations offered, the university will promote a greater awareness of the number and variety of student life options available, including service and volunteer opportunities. New programs and events – such as themed living-learning communities, the annual holiday tree lighting and the on-campus build for Habitat for Humanity – have helped foster a deeper sense of community on campus.

There are physical enhancements taking place, too. Over the summer, the university installed the first of several planned hammock villages on campus, and a large, paved outdoor fire pit will be completed this fall. The university began offering bike rentals and covered bike shelters, and a new university trolley service – which will offer roundtrip transportation for students from campus to Greenwood's Uptown and business districts – is on the way.

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Pillar Five: Advancement Activities Leveraged to Further the University's Mission

Initiatives:

- Increase giving amount to the annual fund
- Launch a capital campaign
- Increase the number of endowed scholarships
- Establish endowed chairs and professorships

Without scholarships, many students would not be able to afford the cost of a college education. Recognizing this important need, Pillar Five centers on developing and expanding scholarship opportunities for Lander students through annual giving and endowment growth.

Work on this initiative is already underway. The Foundations of Excellence Annual Giving Campaign was launched in October to help the university expand its circle of giving by increasing student, faculty, staff, alumni, donor and retiree participation in philanthropic activities. With a \$200,000 goal, the fund will help support scholarship and enrollment initiatives.

– photos by *Laura M. Brown*

“There is no question that there’s a strong focus on student engagement, activities and the employability of graduates. I am looking forward to working on those programs moving forward.”

Randy Bouknight
Vice President for Student Affairs

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Pillar Four: Graduates Who Are Gainfully Employed or Admitted to Graduate School

Initiative:

- Develop employment and internship center

This pillar focuses on increasing partnerships across campus and with other educational, civic and corporate partners to support experiential learning opportunities and student participation in research, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The Office of Career Services is creating a national-class employment and internship center, staffed by business and industry professionals with valuable connections in the workforce, and offering programs that enhance the marketability of the Lander student. The goal is to help students first find internships, co-ops, study abroad, service learning and civic engagement opportunities that are relevant to their areas of study, and then to guide those students through the job search or graduate school application process.

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Pillar Six: Engaged and Supportive Alumni

Initiatives:

- Increase alumni participation
- Increase service and support to alumni
- Share university's challenges
- Tap into alumni intellectual capital and business acumen

One of an institution's most important – and most powerful – assets is its ever-growing network of alumni. Lander's more than 17,000 alumni have the potential to be the university's greatest ambassadors.

Pillar Six centers on increasing the number of alumni actively participating in Lander and Alumni Association activities, as well as providing more opportunities for alumni and students to create enduring relationships, such as a student-alumni career mentoring program. Lander is also increasing its efforts to recognize and reward loyal alumni who engage, volunteer, support and promote.



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Pillar Seven: Financially Stable and Operationally Efficient

Initiatives:

- Make only mission-specific investments
- Ensure a reasonable return on investments
- Ensure that adequate internal controls exist

The health and sustainability of any institution relies heavily upon a sound investment strategy. Under Pillar Seven, Lander is focusing on strategic investment in mission-critical areas, such as recruitment and marketing, classrooms and laboratories, and the overall student experience.

At the same time, the university is exploring cost-savings measures. For example, the Board of Trustees this summer approved a refinancing of the bonds used to pay for Centennial Hall's construction – a move that will save the university \$1.2 million over the next 10 years. A recent energy-saving contract also has the potential to dramatically decrease energy costs while reducing Lander's carbon footprint.

Additionally, an internal auditor position has been created at Lander, and a new committee will be established that will report directly to the Board of Trustees on matters related to internal auditing and fiscal checks and balances.

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Pillar Nine: Employer of Choice

Initiatives:

- Compensate employees fairly
- Introduce complimentary benefits
- Invest in the work environment

As a part of Pillar Nine, Lander is creating programs that will enhance faculty and staff morale and foster team-building. One such program is the Lander Leadership Academy, which will provide a number of faculty and staff with professional and career development opportunities each year.

Town hall meetings and open forums will help increase transparency in the university decision-making process. The university will also work to implement reward systems to recognize exemplary academic and professional service.

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Pillar Eight: Facilities Positioned for Growth and Efficient Utilization

Initiatives:

- Master plan
- Increase academic space
- Increase residence halls
- Increase student experience space

With enrollment projections on the rise, one challenge the university will face is the need for space. Lander is developing a three-phase campus master plan outlining future construction of academic, residential, recreational and parking facilities. To address the more immediate need for additional beds, Brookside Residence Hall, taken offline in 2015 when Lander's new 220-bed residence hall opened, has been brought back online and is undergoing renovations.

The Moran Assembly Plaza, a central gathering place for students, has been beautifully redesigned to incorporate a large fountain, more areas for socialization, and ADA-compliant walkways and paths. Though not part of the strategic plan, the new plaza helps set the stage for future development in the heart of campus. And one such development has already occurred – the expansion of Lander's Starbucks, which now provides additional seating and study areas, both indoors and out. Construction will also begin soon on the Grier Student Center's Bearcat Lounge, a project designed with student input and featuring study and recreational space.

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Pillar Ten: Highly-Valued Community Partner

Initiatives:

- Commission economic impact analysis
- Increase volunteerism
- Enhance university outreach
- Create internship opportunities

In addition to strengthening relationships with key members of the community, Lander is establishing a "Community Ambassador" position to increase awareness and cross-promotion. The university will provide opportunities for all Lander stakeholders to engage in the campus community, and additional curricular and cocurricular initiatives and activities will be added that include civic engagement for faculty, staff and students.

Lander will also commission an in-depth study to accurately gauge the university's economic and fiscal impacts on the greater Greenwood region.



The Journey Ahead

There are more discoveries and successes to come as Lander University continues implementing its strategic plan: growing enrollment, increased retention, rising prestige, stronger recruitment and more efficient operations, among them.

Along with this fall's positive enrollment figures, there is more evidence that the hard work put into the plan is already paying off. Perhaps the most dramatic achievement since the university's strategic planning got underway is the precipitous rise in Lander's standing in national rankings. The university climbed from #44 to #19 in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Regional Colleges-South" category, and is now ranked #4 in the "Top Public Regional Colleges in the South." Additionally, *Washington Monthly* ranked Lander as #32 in its "Best Bang for the Buck-Southeast Colleges" list, and it put the university at #66 nationally among baccalaureate colleges.

Strategic planning is not new to Lander, and previous plans serve as a snapshot – a sort of postcard – showing where Lander has been.

This new strategic plan – its vision, its ten pillars, its goals, its action plans and even its preliminary results – is setting Lander's new course, providing an insightful glimpse at the journey ahead.

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Grier Student Center's Bearcat Lounge



YOUNG FACULTY SCHOLAR AWARD

DR. FARHA ALI



Inspiring Students to Work Hard in Computing

By Jeff Lagrone

Lander Assistant Professor of Computer Science Dr. Farha Ali has some impressive publications, as one would expect of the winner of Lander's Young Faculty Scholar Award.

Her article, "The Smart Surface Network: A Bus-Based Approach to Dense Sensing," appeared last year in the scholarly journal,

Computer Networks. Other articles have appeared in *Journal of Technology, Knowledge and Society* and *International Journal of Pervasive Computing and Communications*.

In 2007, seven years before she received her Ph.D. from Clemson, *Internet Protocol Journal* published her article, "IP Spoofing," the culmination of a project for which she also earned ethical hacker certification.

Another notable achievement was speaking last year at the Embedded Systems Week Conference in Amsterdam, in the Netherlands, on "Teaching The Internet of Things Concepts." The presentation grew out of a special topics course she taught at Lander.

While young, Ali is no newcomer to teaching. Before moving here 20 years ago from Pakistan, she tutored students in math, physics and chemistry. "I was getting a lot of students," she says.

For a time, after marrying Greenwood restaurateur Danish Ali, she was a stay-at-home mom, but the urge to teach was too strong to ignore. Since 2002, when she received her master's from Clemson, she's taught continuously at Lander.

In 2010, she announced that she was returning to Clemson to work on a terminal degree. She was given a schedule that allowed her to pursue her academic goals while continuing to teach full-time.

She calls the willingness of the Department of Mathematics and Computing to work with her "a blessing."

She feels she has also been blessed with "very good students." She tries to impress upon them that they must work hard to get ahead in life.

"Even if you are very, very smart, if you don't work hard, you're not going to succeed," she says.

Sometimes, according to Ali, students go into computer science for the wrong reasons.

"This field is not about using the computer; it's about making the computer useful to other people," she says.

Her "biggest hurdle" is getting students to grasp that computer science is a science.

"A lot goes into it before you write a program. You need to know a lot more," she says.

The Internet of Things (IoT), the ever-expanding network of objects embedded with electronics, software and sensors that enable them to send and receive data, is a field that intrigues Ali. She hopes to continue her search for "efficient ways to connect embedded systems local area networks with the existing Internet infrastructure."



DR. GAIL MOORE: DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

Teaching Students to Learn by Doing

By Jeff Lagrone

Associate Professor of Accounting Gail Moore, Lander's Distinguished Professor of the Year, is a proponent of learning by doing.

"Usually when I start, I'll work some problems on the board. Then I'll say, 'OK, you do it.'"

Almost invariably, there are some who can't.

"Thankfully, our classrooms at Lander are small enough that I can walk around and say, 'OK, this is right; you need to work on this; here's where, you remember, we go like this . . .'"

Moore relishes such moments.

"I really like being in the classroom. It's exciting when you're working with someone and they finally get it," she said.

Moore knows what life is like in the outside world. A native of Alice, Texas, she came to the University of South Carolina on a golf scholarship, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1992 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1995.

For five years, she worked as an attorney in Columbia, representing clients in matters involving legal accounting, tax, corporate, estate and securities issues.

From 2000 until she became a full-time faculty member at Lander in 2007, she worked as a tax attorney and certified public accountant in Greenwood, preparing and reviewing financial statements and tax returns, advising clients on the tax implications of business transactions and providing estate planning services.

At Lander, Moore specializes in financial accounting and income tax, as well as commercial and business law. On occasion, she also

teaches Introduction to Business.

She was recently named co-chair of Lander's School of Management.

"That's a new role for me. I'm excited about it," she said.

One of her goals is to assist in getting the department reaccredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) when it comes up for review in 2018. Another is increasing the number of internships open to Lander business students.

"I think it's really important that our students get out there and have some experience," she said.

Moore has been active in the publishing world since coming to work for Lander. The most recent example is "Fraud, Collusion and the Financial Statements – A Refresher for Practicing Professionals," which she co-authored with former Lander Associate Professor of Accounting Dr. Steven Mark. The article, which discusses the ways that fraud is sometimes hidden from auditors, appeared in *The Journal of Global Business Management* in April.

She was set to present another recently finished paper, "Death and Taxes," at the SEINFORMS conference in Myrtle Beach in October, but Hurricane Matthew forced the cancellation of the event. Moore said she would pursue other avenues for publishing or presenting the paper, which she described as "a highlight on some of the hidden taxes we pay."

Moore knew that she had been nominated by her students for Lander's top faculty academic award, but had no expectation that her name would be called when awards were conferred at Lander's spring convocation.

"I was really surprised. I was really honored," she said.



DR. DIANA DELACH: YOUNG FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

Making Sure Students Get the Skills They Need

By Jeff Lagrone

In the view of Lander Assistant Professor of Environmental Chemistry Dr. Diana Delach, teaching works best when it seems most relevant.

"I think if you can tap into what students already know and are already interested in, and link your material to that however tangentially you've got to do it, that gives everybody a reason to show up," said Delach, winner of this year's Young Faculty Teaching Award.

If Delach is teaching environmental chemistry and there's an issue in the news – like the Flint, Michigan, water crisis – "that immediately gets stuck into the course and we can talk through the whole thing. It gives the students a better reason to be in there," she said.

Delach, who has a Ph.D. in environmental toxicology, is no stranger to water problems. For her dissertation at Clemson, she investigated the role played by spiders in transporting and transforming polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in Twelve Mile Creek and Lake Hartwell, where fish remain unsafe to eat because of discharges long ago by the Sangamo Weston plant, near Pickens.

The spiders build horizontal webs over the water so they can catch insects emerging from the sediment at the bottom of the lake. When they consume the insects, they ingest PCBs from the sediment, too. The spiders are then eaten by higher-order animals, like

birds, frogs and lizards, spreading the contamination farther afield.

Delach and her students are currently trying to identify both the metals and organic compounds in the sediment in Lake Greenwood.

"Once we know what's there, then we can start saying, 'OK, where is this coming from, where is it moving to, is it impacting any particular biota, be it fish or crayfish or insects?'"

Delach said that she and Associate Professor of Environmental Geology Dr. Dan Pardieck are trying to incorporate more risk assessment of that kind into the Environmental Science program at Lander.

They and their colleagues are also working to "make sure the students are getting the skills they need, and not just jumping through the hoops required for graduation." One such skill is knowing how to "explain their science" so people understand what they're saying. She has developed a series of scientific communications courses and is teaching one of them for the first time this semester.

Delach serves as chair of Lander's Secondary Education Certification Committee and submitted the proposal to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for the development of a new chemistry education major, which has since been approved.

Delach enjoys the close relationship she has with her students at Lander and the feedback she gets from them.

"They will let you know what's working for them and what's not working for them, which is great. I don't think you get that at large institutions," she said.

MOORE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHING

Encouraging Students to Be Self-Reflective

By Jeff Lagrone

It's not hard to see why Lander Assistant Professor of History Dr. Franklin Rausch was chosen to receive this year's Moore Award for Excellence in General Education Teaching.

Rausch teaches a wide assortment of general education classes, including world history, honors history and Asian history classes that fulfill Lander's global issues/non-Western studies requirement.

The only classes he teaches that aren't general education are specialized courses, such as History of Christianity and classes for history majors that teach the skills of being historians.

Students coming from other fields are sometimes apprehensive about taking upper-level history courses, but if they apply themselves, they usually do fine. "A lot of times, people are better than they think they are," he said.

Rausch does some "little things," as he puts it, to help students succeed.

"I try, after that first exam, to send an email to students who are having some trouble and say, 'Hey, why don't you come and see me?'" He gives them bonus points if they do.

"I also try to email a student who has improved or done well from the beginning and say, 'Hey, you're doing a great job, keep it up.'" Initiating a dialogue, he says, helps students see that "you're not some scary guy."

He posts Powerpoints online before class so students can print them and take notes on them, which helps them pay more attention to the day's lecture. Video clips are used liberally, as a way of sparking class discussions, and weekly quizzes help keep students on track. The class before an exam is devoted to a review session, which he records and uploads to YouTube.

Rausch is a specialist in East Asian Studies, and his classes often feature students or guest speakers from that corner of the world. This summer, he spoke at a conference in Japan on the topic of missionary writings in Korea.

Rausch has also been busy publishing. His article, "All Man, All Priest': Father Emil Kapaun, Religion, Masculinity, and the Korean War," appeared last fall in the *Journal of Korean Religions*, and "Suffering History: Comparative Christian Theodicy in Korea" was published by *Acta Koreana* in June. He also wrote an essay, "Nationalist Movements Before 1945," for *The Routledge Handbook of Modern Korean History*, published earlier this year.

DR. FRANKLIN RAUSCH



Rausch is revising his dissertation, "The Ambiguity of Violence: Ideology, State, and Religion in The Late Chosŏn Dynasty," for submission as a book.

Introducing more "metacognition" into his classes, to encourage students to be more self-reflective, is one of Rausch's immediate goals. Making broader use of bonus assignments as a tool to help students learn better is another.

Rausch, who won last year's Young Faculty Scholar Award, expressed thankfulness at being selected again to receive one of Lander's top faculty awards, saying he is "very honored."

Dog Days of Summer

Humane Society's Camp Good Dog Serves as Learning Laboratory for Lander Psychology Majors

By Eric Lawson

It would be difficult to deny the seemingly innate bond between humans and dogs. It's a relationship unlike any other between man and beast, and one that scientists say has been going on for thousands of years.

Despite the strength of the canine-human connection, dogs were not the subject of much serious research until recently. Over the past decade, studies have provided support for something dog owners have long-believed: our dogs really do understand us.

During the summer, Lander Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Mandy Cleveland taught an Honors College course on the psychology of dogs. Using *The Genius of Dogs* by Brian Hare and Vanessa Woods as the primary text, Cleveland and her students explored the cognitive link between humans and dogs.

The beginning of the course was devoted to understanding canine cognition. Students learned how dogs interpret human communicative intent in a completely unique way. "Dogs are able to understand our gestures and gazes in a way that even non-human primates are unable to do," said Cleveland.

The remainder of the course was dedicated to animal welfare and advocacy, as Cleveland and her students teamed up with employees and volunteers (including Dr. Jenny Bond, an exercise science professor at Lander) from the Humane Society of Greenwood to take part in the 11th annual Camp Good Dog.

Introducing Youth to the Joys of Dog Ownership

Held in early June at the Greenwood County Animal Shelter, Camp Good Dog is intended for children ages 8-12. Each of the 10 campers is paired with an adoptable dog and a volunteer, and they learn the importance of treating animals with love and care.

"They learn how to provide basic pet care; how to understand dog body language and prevent bites; the importance of spaying and neutering, etc.," explained Michael McCarthy, Humane Society educator and volunteer coordinator. "Of course, we want children to understand that pet overpopulation leads to homeless pets and the need for an animal shelter. The most important thing, though, is



Lander senior psychology major Kendra Tamaklo, pictured, works with a dog at the Humane Society of Greenwood's Camp Good Dog. – photos by Lander mass communications major Abbygale Best '16

that the children have fun while learning to safely enjoy having pets as friends."

For the Lander students, the Humane Society's two-week camp served as a unique experiential learning opportunity that also had a positive impact on the greater community.

Applying classroom concepts in the field as volunteers, the students provided support, including one-on-one supervision, for each camper during activities with the dogs.

The best parts, according to volunteers, were the interaction with local youth and the daily hands-on practice and play with the camp's pups. "The dogs' eagerness to please and loving nature makes Camp Good Dog such an enjoyable experience," said Breanna Butler, a longtime Humane Society volunteer and a Lander Honors College student.

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Join the Fight Against Pet Overpopulation!

- Spay or neuter your pets
- Take part in a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program for feral cats
- File reports for lost or found pets with Humane Societies and animal shelters
- Microchip your pet

Lander volunteers assist Camp Good Dog participants with bathing a happy pup. Lander psychology majors, under the direction of Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Mandy Cleveland, participated in the Humane Society of Greenwood's two-week camp as an experiential learning opportunity for their summer Honors College course on the psychology of dogs.

Camp Good Dog



Tackling the Problem of Pet Overpopulation

Because pet overpopulation is such a critical problem in the South, programs like Camp Good Dog are essential in changing the way things have been done previously.

"Locally and regionally, municipal shelters are overrun because there are too many unwanted animals," explained McCarthy. "We have a pet overpopulation problem due to pet owners not spaying or neutering their pets. Some people cannot afford to fix their pets, some don't want to, and others simply wait too long."

The overpopulation problem is amplified by surrounding counties that are either unable to handle the intake or lack having a municipal animal shelter to serve their citizens. According to McCarthy, many animals are abandoned just inside the Greenwood County line, putting the burden of picking them up on Greenwood County Animal Control, and the costs of providing their care on the taxpayers.

For Cleveland, Camp Good Dog is a chance to promote empathy and responsibility for both children and college students. "Until

they meet the shelter dogs, many people don't grasp the real impact of pet overpopulation on our community," she stated. "It's a huge, solvable problem. By allowing younger generations to personally invest in the lives of needy animals, we gradually change the culture itself."

Top left: Psychology major Rebekah Holbert and camper Savannah Dill visit with a shelter pup during June's Camp Good Dog.

Top right: Lander student Alex Gantt, right, takes a break with Camp Good Dog participant Emily McLeod and Millie the shelter dog.

Bottom left: Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Mandy Cleveland, center, enjoys a moment with Camp Good Dog participant Benjamin Hull, left, and Dean Faden, Board of Directors Chair for the Humane Society of Greenwood. The trio is joined by Brinly, who was adopted to become an emotional support dog for a student at Lander.

Bottom right: The two-week Camp Good Dog is organized by and held at the Humane Society of Greenwood. – photos by Deb Nygro

"The dogs' eagerness to please and loving nature makes Camp Good Dog such an enjoyable experience."



A Lifeline for Shelter Dogs

Because a poorly trained, anxious or withdrawn dog has slim chance of finding a forever home, Camp Good Dog is literally a life-changer for the shelter dogs that participate. In addition to providing opportunities for much-needed exercise and attention, the camp also provides a better chance of adoption.

"The Lander students are amazing leaders with hearts ready to serve," said McCarthy. "I have met so many wonderful students through their volunteerism with Camp Good Dog. They all show such great compassion for animals." ■

Top: Lander's Kendra Tamaklo, left, sits with camper Elizabeth Proctor and Willie, a shelter dog at the Humane Society of Greenwood. —photo by Deb Nygro

Left: Camp Good Dog pairs local youth with shelter dogs needing socialization prior to adoption. Lander student-volunteers provide support, including one-on-one supervision for each camper during hands-on work with the dogs. —photo by Abbygale Best '16

WELCOME TO BEARCAT COUNTRY!

By Deb Nygro

More than 600 freshmen moved into Lander's residence halls on Freshman Move-In Day in August. Students arrived in vehicles loaded down with clothes, small refrigerators, furniture and other essentials. Volunteers equipped with hand trucks and muscle power carried belongings into their new campus homes. Upperclassmen returned over the following weekend in anticipation of the first day of classes.

Welcome Week provided students with an array of activities easing the transition into college life, with engaging experiences designed to help them become more involved on campus. Evening entertainment included a movie night, comedy show, glow rage paint party and trivia with the president.

Classes began August 22, and in the spirit of Bearcat hospitality, the president's cabinet greeted folks with a friendly smile and donuts on the plaza. Career Services dished out refreshing sno-cones to calm anxious undergraduates, and a survival job fair connected job-seekers with local businesses and university departments looking to hire part-time employees.

Student Activities gave away t-shirts for tie-dyes, where creative souls swirled colorful dabs of paint against the fabric; novelty gifts for those who wished to explore the sensation of dipping their fingers into hot paraffin to create wax hands; and customizable wall art decals for those needing a few extra room decorations. A dive-in pool party provided a chance to cool off and hang out with new friends at the Sproles outdoor pool.







‘Now You Must Lead’

Few Addresses Class of 2016 at 153rd Commencement

By Megan Price, Photos by Randy Pace '01



South Carolina Supreme Court Justice John Cannon Few delivers remarks as keynote speaker at Lander's spring commencement exercises, held in April at Finis Horne Arena.

Lander University conducted its 153rd commencement ceremony in April, conferring bachelor's and master's degrees upon the 283 members of the spring Class of 2016.

South Carolina Supreme Court Justice John Cannon Few delivered the commencement address to a packed house at Finis Horne Arena. In his speech, Few told the graduates, "You represent the very best in us. You embody what we always wanted to be.

"We see in you a path to win the struggles we have been fighting so hard and so long to win," he continued. "Because, as you stand here on the precipice of your vibrant life, we believe in you. We believe that you are the hope for the future."

Born in Anderson, S.C., Few grew up in Greenwood and graduated from Greenwood High School. He is a 1985 graduate of Duke University, where, as a junior, he played the role of Duke's mascot, the Blue Devil. He followed with a law degree from the University of South Carolina, and maintained a law practice in Greenville before being elected in 2000 as a circuit court trial judge. In 2010, Few became Chief Judge of the South Carolina Court of Appeals, a position he held until February of this year, when he was elected to fill a vacancy as a Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

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Few has also been active teaching law, having previously served on the faculty at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev., and the Charleston School of Law. He currently teaches at the University of South Carolina School of Law. He has given or moderated more than 125 continuing legal education seminars in South Carolina and several other states.

Few asked the graduates to think about the concept of “hero,” and what that means. As a youth, he said, many of his heroes were athletes and musicians, from John McEnroe and Magic Johnson to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. By the time he reached college, his heroes had grown to include political figures and human rights leaders, such as Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan, Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr.

“Have you ever thought about what makes these men and women our heroes? Are they, in your mind, somehow different from you, that your life is not on a predetermined path to that level of heroism?” he asked. “Have you ever thought that these individuals are our heroes not because they were chosen, but because they are the people who chose to lead us in the struggles that are really about us, whether it be tennis or a world war or human equality?”

Few told the graduates that each of them has the opportunity to be a hero, as long as they embrace their new responsibilities as leaders. “What Lander has hammered home to you is the verb ‘to do’ – not ‘to be.’ You must engage, struggle, fight,” he said. “None of us has any chance of success unless we accept the futility of ‘be’ and the necessity of ‘do.’ We have no chance of success if we do not embrace our struggles. But we have no chance of failure if we dedicate our life to that struggle, for it is in that struggle you choose



The Honorable John Few, left, and Lander President Richard Cosentino.

that you will find success.”

Few ended with a reference to the many friends and family in attendance, as well as the faculty, staff and administrators who worked with the graduates during their time as students at Lander.

“These people who are here with you today ... We have dedicated our lives to doing our part to arm you with the tools you need to carry on our – and now your – struggle,” he said.

“We led you here, and now you must lead.”

Following the ceremony, graduates and their guests joined Lander faculty and staff for a reception at the campus fountain plaza.



Left: During the ceremony, Tyler Michelle Brady, of Honea Path, accomplished two goals: she graduated from Lander with a degree in interdisciplinary studies, and she walked across the stage to receive it. Brady was born with cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder affecting her mobility. With the assistance of her father, she arose from her wheelchair and made the journey across the stage to receive her diploma and shake hands with Lander Board of Trustees Chair Jack Lawrence. The touching moment, pictured, drew a standing ovation from the audience and Brady’s fellow graduates.



Right: Renata Mello, of Brazil, earned Lander’s Spring 2016 Thayer Award, presented on behalf of the family of Dr. Henry K. Thayer to the graduating senior with the highest GPA. A member of the women’s tennis team and an Honors College student, Mello earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration. – photo by Mike Blackwell

GRADUATE GALLERY

SPRING 2016 COMMENCEMENT

1. Cosima K. Franke, of Charleston, was among those earning a Master of Education in Montessori Education.

2. Music graduate Patrick George Buchanan, right, of Greenwood, performs with the Lander University Faculty Brass Quintet and Student Brass Ensemble in the ceremony's prelude.

3. Pictured, from left, are: Kala Schultz Osborne, of Greer, psychology; Tessa Ray Moody, of Orange Beach, Fla., mass communication and theatre; Christina Helen Hughes, of Rock Hill, early childhood education; Cassandra Dominique Robinson, of Rock Hill, English; Jeffrey A. Davenport, of Inman, biology; Matthew P. Holley, of Greenwood, chemistry; and Eva Lee Jenkinson, of Lexington, visual arts.

4. Visual arts graduate James L. Calliham, left, of Ware Shoals, gets a helping hand from friend Michael Kenneth Kirkland, of Greenville, psychology.

5. Pictured before the ceremony are, from left: Michael Honesto Padua III, of Winnsboro, business administration; Wyatt Garrison Best, of Abbeville, mass communication and theatre; and Brian Dwayne Sherrod, of Summerville, mass communication and theatre.

6. Pausing for a photo are, from left: Laura Margaret Brown, of Laurens, visual arts; Haley Marie Sharpe, of Laurens, psychology; Stefanie Anne Payne, of Greenwood, psychology; Rebecca Kay Baker, of West Columbia, psychology; and Kaitlyn Elizabeth Peperone, of Lakeland, Tenn., psychology.

7. Pictured, from left, are friends and sociology graduates: Bria Alene Jackson, of Greer; Robin Julianna Watson, of Greenwood; and Ti'Shawway Marshea Johnson, of Columbia.

8. Honors College graduates Jennifer Lee Vassy, left, of Gaffney, biology; and Jordan Leigh Beeler, right, of Aiken, business administration, pose with Honors College Director and Associate Professor of English Dr. Lillian Craton.

9. Pictured are sociology graduates Adeola Oluwatosin Adelere, left, of Blythewood, and Dorlisa Charlett Evans, of North Augusta.

10. Lander began a new tradition at the spring commencement exercises: selecting students to participate as part of the ceremony's platform party. Exercise science graduate Noel Joy McDaniel, left, of Irmo, delivered the ceremony's invocation and benediction; and music graduate Lindsey Michelle Webb, right, of Laurens, performed the National Anthem and Alma Mater.

11. Business administration graduate Jarrett Rucker Philbeck, of Abbeville, adjusts his cap prior to the ceremony.

12. Donning the Bearcat mascot's paws and feet at the ceremony is Darren Edward Rector, of Greenville, business administration.

13. English grad Melody Louise Brawner, of Central, leads her fellow Honors College graduates to the stage.

14. Shown before the ceremony, from left, are: Michael Anthony Green, of Spartanburg, history; and physical education graduates Mallory Elizabeth Kimbrell, of Chester; Matthew F. Riddle, of Simpsonville; and Addy O. Schelble, of Chapin.

15. Posing for a photo are nursing graduates, pictured front row, from left: Emily Frances Jeffcoat, of West Columbia, and Gina Lillian Martin, of Pageland. Back row, from left: Rachel Grace Kelley, of Anderson; Courtnee Paige Sellers, of Belton; Andrea Michelle Mapes, of Greenville; Miranda Joyce Martin, of Prosperity; Annaruth Leigh Branyon, of Honea Path; Lindsey M. Heath, of Summerville; and Rachel Mantooh Griggs, of Greenwood, who is also a registered nurse with Lander's Wellness Center.







'30s

Lander alumna **Margaret Lander Scheibler '33**, of Due West, celebrated her 104th birthday this spring, and she was treated to a special gathering at The Lander Foundation and Alumni Center to celebrate the occasion. As she walked through the front entrance, a large group of people waiting inside greeted her with applause. She smiled broadly when Alumni Affairs Director Myra Greene told her it was a surprise birthday party in her honor.

Guests included retired Lander president Larry Jackson and his wife, Barbara, who presented a check in the amount of \$104, which Greene described as starter money to establish the Margaret Lander Scheibler Scholarship for a student majoring in exercise science. In the days following her birthday, the "Margaret 104 Challenge," a drive to raise the scholarship to \$10,400 in 104 hours, successfully brought the scholarship to the endowed level.

Born and raised in Calhoun Falls, Scheibler is the granddaughter of Lander's founder, the Rev. Samuel Lander. She was one of 42 members in the Class of 1933 and, after graduating, she worked in administrative positions in business and health care, and taught at two high schools in Florence County.



Margaret Scheibler has something in common with **Lois Yarborough Eaves '35**. Besides having graduated from Lander more than 80 years ago, they are both centenarians – and both share a May 14 birthday, although one year apart.

Eaves, whose health doesn't permit travel, celebrated her 103rd birthday with family and friends at home in Barnwell. Her son, Terrell, said his mother enrolled at Lander because her father, Will Yarborough, was a Methodist minister, entitling her to a \$100 tuition discount.

As a student, Eaves worked in Lander's Dining Hall to help pay for school. A "cut-up" in college, she earned the nickname "Trig" because it took her three tries to obtain a passing grade in trigonometry. To mark the occasion, she and some friends staged a trigonometry book burning, issuing invitations to classmates reading, "Come to the trig cremation, the greatest event in all creation."

Eaves graduated from Lander in 1935 and was a school teacher for many years. In 1941, she returned to the campus where she married Buist Eaves in an outdoor ceremony, with the Lander singers providing musical accompaniment. Lois and Buist had three children. She is the first centenarian her family.



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'60s

Frank Ridlehoover '67 was named to the S.C. Athletic Coaches Association's (SCACA)



Hall of Fame Class of 2016. He began the boys' soccer program at Eastside High School in 1972, winning three Class AAAA state championships ('83, '85 and '86) during 16 seasons there. From 1991-97 he coached

the boys' team at Dorman High School, then served as coach of Polk County High School (N.C.) from 1997 to 2002, winning a state title in 2001. Ridlehoover coached at Gaffney from 2004-2011. The SCACA Hall of Fame recognizes South Carolina coaches for their contributions to high school athletics, and criteria for the award include character, leadership, accomplishments and community service. Ridlehoover is the past president of the Lander University Alumni Board and is an active member of the Alumni Association.

Larry Ridlehoover '69 is one of three South Carolinians to earn the Professional Community Association Manager designation. He is president and co-principal of Southern Community Services in Columbia.

'70s

Mary Anne Underwood Welch '73 graduated with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary June 3, 2016, and is serving at Sharon Presbyterian Church in Farmington, Iowa.

Cary Corbitt '74 was inducted into the Low Country Golf Hall of Fame Class



of 2016. Corbitt, a member of the Lander University Board of Trustees, was recognized for lifetime achievement in the sport of golf and has "quite possibly done more to establish and

further golf in [the] Low Country than any other individual," according to the Low Country Golf Hall of Fame. "Mr. Corbitt's most treasured accomplishments are not his tenure or any affiliations, but what he has been able to give back to the community through his illustrious career." Corbitt is Vice President of Sports & Operations at The Sea Pines Resort, Hilton Head's renowned golf and leisure retreat. He began his career there in 1977 as a staff professional, and later became director of golf for the resort's three courses. For the past 25 years, he has overseen the resort's sports and operations.

Doris Allred Hatley Skeen '78, since retiring, has co-founded the nonprofit Bridge to Recovery, a ministry to assist men and women who want to free themselves from addiction.

'80s

Monty Richardson '82 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at the Early Childhood Center in Greenwood.

Kimberly G. Hagen '83 was honored with a resolution from the S.C. House of



Representatives in March. Hagen, who earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Lander, retired in November 2015, having served the State of South Carolina for more than

26 years. Over the course of her career, she worked for the State Development Board, the Governor's Office Continuum of Care Division, and most recently as business manager for the S.C. General Assembly Legislative Council, a position she held for 16 years. The resolution, introduced by Rep. Walt McLeod of Newberry County, highlighted her career in Columbia and some of her personal endeavors, such as genealogy, travel and farming/aviculture.

Peggy Harling Nibert '84 and her husband, Gregg Nibert, received the National Association of Basketball Coaches "Guardians of the Game Award" for service, presented by Dove Men+Care. Guardians of the Game is a national awareness and education program of the NABC, with a goal to focus attention on the positive impact

coaches have on the lives of student-athletes, and the contributions made to their communities through civic service.



Gregg Nibert just completed his 27th season as head coach of Presbyterian College's men's basketball program. Over the past 10 years, the Niberts have served as foster parents for more than 35 infants and

children who have been rescued from environments of abuse and neglect. The award was presented in April at the AT&T NABC Guardians of the Game awards in Houston, Texas.

Tina Faulkner '86 was named the new principal of Hickory Tavern Elementary/Middle School in Gray Court.

Bess Clark Bennett '87 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at Northside Middle School in Greenwood.

Lander Henderson Bennett '88 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at Lakeview Elementary School in Greenwood.

'90s

Ann Skinner '90 was promoted to Workforce Development director by the Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

Kelly Hopkins '91 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year for Abbeville County School District.

Tabitha Hughes Brewer '92 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at Brewer Middle School in Greenwood.

Christopher Cabri '93 earned his master's in financial services from the Richard D.



Erwin Graduate School at The American College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. The program prepares graduates to advise clients on a wide spectrum of financial needs. Cabri, who earned a bachelor's degree

in business from Lander and an M.B.A. from The Citadel, serves on the board

of directors of the Financial Planning Association of South Carolina. Designated as one of the country's best financial planners, Cabri is listed in the 2015 *Guide to America's Best Financial Planners* published by the Washington, D.C., based Consumer's Research Council of America.

Kim Wash McKenna '93 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at Westview Middle School in Greenwood.

Mendi Bouknight Tucker '94 was named the new principal for Gloverville Elementary in Aiken.

Melissa Evans '95 is the new project manager for United Health Group.

Lt. Col. Chris Lindner '96, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, graduated from the U.S. Army War



College in Carlisle, Pa., with a master's degree in strategic studies. The U.S. Army War College's 10-month curriculum educates and develops senior military officers from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps

and Coast Guard, as well as senior foreign military officers and civilian officials from a variety of federal agencies, to serve in strategic-level command and staff positions worldwide. A native and former resident of Covina, Calif., and Due West, S.C., Lt. Col. Lindner will next serve at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in Fort Bliss, Texas.

Adam Myrick '97 is a captain with the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, where he handles media relations and strategic communications as the agency's public information officer.

Karen Williams Teague '97 was named 2016-17 Teacher of the Year at Emerald High School in Greenwood.

'01

Lee James '01 was named the new principal at Conway Middle School in Conway.

Michelle Thomas '01 was named principal of Dillard Street Elementary in Winter Garden, Fla.

'02

Nathaniel Brown '02 overcame the struggle of foster care and will obtain his Ph.D. from the University of Georgia in December. His dissertation is about college students who grow up in foster care.

Alyson Connell Perrin '02 was named the new director of Evaluation for Greenwood School District 50.

Chad Teague '02 was named the 2015-2016 South Carolina Technical Education Association Administrator/Manager Educator of the Year.

'06

Ben Hjalmer '06 was named the new pastor at Woodfields Baptist Church.

Wendy S. West '06 was promoted to principal of Pelion Elementary School.

'07

Sym Singh '07 has a new position as the Communications and Governmental Affairs coordinator for the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

'08

Emily Temple '08 was appointed Colleton County School District's director of finance.

'10

Jennifer Brailsford '10 earned her Ph.D. in sociology, with a focus in health and aging, from Florida State University. Her research was focused on the intersections of environment and health, and neighborhoods and health.



'12

Ty Grogan '12, and wife, **Taylor Smith Grogan '13**, opened the Ware Shoals Youth Center in May.

Kacie Calliham McCutcheon '12 obtained her M.B.A. from North Greenville University.



Stephanie Bailey Kelley '01, a Spanish teacher at Beaufort High School, received the Master Teacher of Honor Award from Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education.

To earn this designation, an educator must have more than 15 years of classroom teaching experience; submit evidence of professional development, leadership, community service, and exceptional contributions to the education profession; and demonstrate a commitment to integrity and high standards in the classroom.

Kelley, who has taught Spanish for more than 15 years and received the Kappa Delta Pi Teacher of Honor recognition in 2010, said, "My objective as a teacher is to motivate others to become lifelong learners who can think independently and make informed decisions."

Throughout her teaching career, Kelley has served in numerous leadership and extracurricular capacities. Aside from being the sponsor of the Spanish National Honor Society, she also serves as a representative for Beaufort High School's Content Area Leadership Team, which aims to raise achievement levels for all students, collaborate with other teachers on ways to improve their practice, and share best teaching practices.

Currently a doctoral candidate in education, specializing in curriculum and instruction, Kelley has been involved in many professional associations and received several honors. She received the President's Lifetime Volunteer Service Award in 2012; was named an Accredited Interscholastic Coach for the National Federation of State High School Associations in 2014; and was invited to the Phi Lambda Theta International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education in 2015.

Jalysa O'Conner '12 is now the assistant director of Student Conduct and Behavioral Intervention at Lander University.

Scott Playle '12 is the client solutions manager-liquidity at Aviva Investors in London, U.K.

Graham Scott Shaffer '12 is now the technical director for Greenville Little Theater in Greenville.

Jessica Sims '12 has been selected by the National Board for Certified Counselors Foundation to participate in a minority fellowship program for addiction counselors.

'13

Raphael Coleman '13 graduated from Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla., with a Master of Science in Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He has a new position as the deputy treasurer of Abbeville County.

Callie Davis '13 obtained her M.B.A. from North Greenville University and is working as the accounting/marketing/purchasing agent for Wilcox Office Mart in Florence.

Jermel Kennedy '13 over the summer signed to play forward position for the Worcester Wolves in the British Basketball League.

'15

Ebonee Dendy '15 is now a residence life coordinator at Lander University.

'16

Krista Etters '16 is now a fourth-grade teacher at Lewisville Elementary in Richburg.

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Weddings

Tara Ashmore Prochaska '02 and Troy Rockett Jr., Boiling Springs, June 24. They live in Roebuck.

Virginia Alexander '06 and Michael Cononie, Greer, October 24, 2015. The bride is coordinator of Library Marketing and Outreach at USC Upstate. They live in Simpsonville.

Kevin Henry Chastain '08 and Emily Elizabeth Acree, Columbia, May 28. Kevin is employed with BlueCross BlueShield in the Claims department. They live in Columbia.

Bryan Kyle Newton '10 and **Rachel Ann Chadwick '13**, Greenville, April 9. Bryan is a financial services professional with New York Life Insurance Company. Rachel is a business development manager with Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group. They live in Greenville.

Doug Timms '11 and Jennifer Kellam, Greenwood, December 7, 2015. Doug is a registered nurse at Self Regional Health-care's Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program. They live in Greenwood.

Cody R. Brock '13 and **Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Jones '13**, Belton, July 30. Cody works for JTEKT North America and Liz is the Community Impact coordinator for the United Way in Greenwood. They live in Belton.

Breanna Carol Cook '15 and Andrew Chavarria, Lexington, May 21. They live in Clinton.

Births

Andy Johnston '02 and **Jennifer McNeill Johnston '01**, a daughter, Charis Isla Johnston, May 16.

Ashley Rescigno Hamilton '06 and Joe Hamilton, a son, Weiland Joseph, May 27.

Alex Smith '09 and **Michelle Ballenger Smith '04**, a son, Cayden Joshua, June 29. Cayden joins big sister Scarlett, who is three.

Brittany Matthews Bowdler '10 and Andrew Bowdler, a daughter, Hannah Grace, April 4.

Laura Beth Burnette Eavenson '10 and Kevin Eavenson, a son, William (Will) Hayes, March 16.

In Memoriam

JOHN DRUMMOND

Former Sen. John W. Drummond, a long-time supporter of Lander University and a devoted public servant who spent more than 40 years at the South Carolina Statehouse, died Sept. 3 at the age of 96. Known as "the Senator from Ninety Six," Drummond was a World War II veteran and received the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Purple Hearts and a Presidential Citation, among other honors, for service to his country. Following the war, he went into business, establishing Drummond Oil Company and Greenwood Petroleum before being elected to the S.C. House of Representatives in 1965. Two years later, he was elected to the Senate, eventually rising to the title of President Pro Tempore of the Senate in 1996. Lander recognized his service to the university and state, awarding him an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1999. Additionally, Lander's Drummond Complex, the two-building complex composed of Horne Arena and the Chandler Center, is named in his honor. Surviving are three sons, a granddaughter, a grandson, and nieces and nephews.



JOHN E. JOHNSTON JR.

Former Lander University Board of Trustees Chair John E. Johnston Jr., of Greenville, a well-respected member of the South Carolina legal community, died Sept. 2. He was 82. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Johnston was described in his obituary as "an incredible trial lawyer and devoted member of his community." He served as president of the S.C. Bar Association, as chairman of the S.C. Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competence, and on the S.C. Board of Governors. In 1972, Johnston was appointed to the State College Board of Trustees, which governed Lander at the time. In 1988, he was appointed chair of the Lander Board of Trustees, and in 1994, the university's John



E. Johnston Commons was dedicated in his honor. That same year, Lander awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. He is survived by three daughters, an "adopted" son, nine grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

GLORIA MEREDITH

Gloria W. Meredith, of Greenwood, who retired from Lander in 2014 after seven years of service in the Office of Human Resources, died on April 21 at the age of 67. Colleagues described Meredith as a dedicated employee with a "contagious smile" who made many positive contributions to the university during her time on the staff. Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, two grandchildren, a sister and three brothers.



ALUMNI

Caroline Albertus Fox Hughes '35, Fountain Inn, March 19. She was a teacher and member of Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a daughter and brother.

Carolyn Hughes Murph '40, Greenwood, April 11. She was co-owner of Murph-Hammett Kindergarten School and organist at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Surviving are a son, daughter, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Myra Watson Swearingen Bradshaw '41, Rock Hill, May 11. She was a retired science teacher and member of Second Baptist Church. Surviving are her nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Player deMontmollin '41, Columbia, July 5. She was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and later of First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are three daughters, 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Sarah Chipley Timmons '41, Hartsville, March 14. She was a piano teacher, homemaker and member of First Baptist Church. Surviving are a son, three daughters and five grandchildren.

In Memoriam, continued

Annette Peden Hamer '42, Florence, May 4. She was a teacher and retired from the Department of Social Services. Surviving are her daughter, three grandsons, a granddaughter and four great-grandchildren.

Ruby Thomas Richbourg '43, Greensboro, N.C., May 23. She was a social worker for the Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

Evelyn Swofford Brown '44, Lansing, Ill., Dec. 23, 2015. She was a retired school teacher. Surviving are two sons, two grandchildren and a sister.

Marguerite Thompson Wingard '48, Myrtle Beach, June 26. She liked to garden, paint and do needlework. Surviving are a daughter, nieces and nephews.

Mary Neal McCord '53, Greenwood, Feb. 15. She was the owner of Collectors Antique Mall and McCord's Antiques. She was a charter member of Rock Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Esther Waters Whitley '56, Camden, May 19. She taught school and was a caseworker for the Kershaw County Department of Social Services. Surviving are her husband, two daughters, three grandchildren and a brother.

STEVE BYRD '57

K. Stephen "Steve" Byrd, of Greenwood, a 1957 Lander graduate and past president



of the Alumni Association, died September 13 at the age of 84. Byrd was elected Student Body President in 1956, the first male to serve in that position after Lander transitioned to a coeducational institution. A graduate of the LSU School of Banking, he spent 27 years in the banking field. He twice served as president of the Alumni Association, from 1980-81, and again from 1986-90. Surviving in addition to his wife, Carol, are a son, a daughter, a step-daughter, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and a sister.

Sally Marshall Bourne '62, Greenwood, Feb. 16. She was retired from Piedmont Technical College and a member of First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are a daughter, two grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Valerie Gaillard Lazenby '62, Austin, Texas, July 15. She was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband, son, daughter, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a brother.

Marcia Moore Lawrence '63, Greenville, July 3. She was a retired R.N. at Greenville Memorial Hospital after 34 years. Surviving are a son, a daughter, one grandchild and a sister.

Loretta Beube Reed '63, Elberton, Ga., April 6. She was a member of South Greenwood Church of God. Surviving are two daughters, two sisters and five grandchildren.

Clinta Price Moore '65, Seneca, May 11. She was a retired teacher and member of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, a son, two grandsons, a granddaughter, her mother, three brothers and two sisters.

Brooks S. Stuart Jr. '68, Kiawah Island, April 14. He worked in the textile industry and retired from his business, CDM Systems, Ltd. Surviving are his wife, two sons, two daughters, two grandchildren and a sister.

HACK BARTLEY '71

Beloved musician and entertainer James H. "Hack" Bartley, of Greenwood, a member of The Swingin' Medallions and a member of the Lander Class of 1971, passed away April 19. He was 66. His musical career spanned more than 50 years, beginning as a singer and saxophonist with The Swingin' Medallions in 1967 and later continuing with his band, Hack Bartley & Shuffle. A three-time recipient of the Carolina Beach Music Association's Cammy award, Bartley wrote and produced more than 200 songs and shared the stage with a host of music legends, including James Brown, the Allman



Brothers, Jackie Wilson and the Drifters. In his obituary, Bartley was described as "an outdoorsman, lover of fishing, camping, and hunting," and was "first and foremost, a devoted family man." In addition to his successful music career, Bartley established and operated Bartley & Associates, an industrial sales rep and consulting business. Surviving are his wife, Libby, a son, two daughters, 17 grandchildren, a brother and two sisters.

GRACE YVONNE STOLLMAIER '73

Grace Yvonne Jones Stollmaier, of Chapin, a 1973 Lander graduate and past president



of the Alumni Association, died March 14 at the age of 65. She earned a teaching degree from Lander, followed by a master's in education from Clemson, where she taught for six years, and a doctorate from the University of South Carolina. The majority of her career was spent teaching with the Department of Juvenile Justice in Columbia. She served as president of the Lander Alumni Association from 1984-86. She is survived by her husband, two stepdaughters, one stepson and seven grandchildren.

Agnes Bradley '74, Greenwood, March 17. She was a special education teacher and member of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. She is survived by one daughter, two sons and four granddaughters.

Daniel Wright Fouché '75, Greenwood, June 5. He was retired from Milliken/Sage as a developmental manager of automotive fabrics with 34 years of service. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Marcia Ritter Eslinger '79, Timmonsville, April 17. She was a registered nurse and member of Peniel Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, two grandchildren and a sister.

Ella Mae Fortune '80, Riverdale, Ga., March 11. She was a retired registered nurse from Self Memorial Hospital with over 25 years of service. She is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Russell Hinson '90, Greenville, March 12. He was the director of Technical Support for Gnosco and was a published author. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

John Daryl Masters '90, Simpsonville, June 24. Daryl was a partner with Masters RV Center and member of Brookwood Community Church. Surviving are his parents, wife, two sons, two daughters, a grandson and a brother.

William Robert "Bill" Logan Jr. '91, Greenwood, June 28. He retired from the Army Reserves with a rank of Sergeant Major and was night superintendent from Solutia (formerly Monsanto). He was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and Mathews Masonic Lodge No. 358. Surviving are his wife, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

Jeffery Lynn Nelson '96, McCormick, July 24. Jeff worked for CSX Railroad and served in the S.C. Army National Guard as a combat engineer. Surviving are his parents, wife, a son, a daughter and two brothers.

James Robert Mangum '07, Taylors, May 28. He served in the United States Army and was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Surviving are his wife, a son, his father, "mom," three brothers and one sister.

Billy Joe Garrett III '14, Greenwood, June 13. Surviving are his parents, one sister, one nephew, maternal grandfather, maternal grandmother and maternal great-grandmother.

IN SYMPATHY

Jerry D. Lazenby '63 on the passing of his wife, **Valerie Gaillard Lazenby '62**, July 15.

John Bartley '66 and **Carrie Bartley Kinard '96** on the passing of John's brother and Carrie's father, **James "Hack" Bartley '71**, April 19.

Marvin Goldman '66 on the passing of his mother, Doris Goldman, June 5.

Michael Sherard '77 on the passing of his wife, Wanda Lewis Sherard, July 23.

Billy Garrett Jr. '78 on the passing of his son, **Billy Joe Garrett III '14**, June 13.

Myra Greene '78 on the passing of her mother, Mildred Waddell Greene, August 2.

Mary Radford '79 on the passing of her father, Charles J. Radford, March 14.

Upcoming Alumni Events

December 2016 – April 2017*

- Dec. 1** Lander on the Road, Charlotte
- Dec. 6** Columbia Alumni Meet and Greet
- Dec. 15** Lander Lily Luncheon and Silent Auction, Alumni Center
- Jan. 19** Lander Evening Club
- Jan. 23** Young Alumni/Greenwood Tower Club Quarterly Meeting, Alumni Center
- Feb. 10** Alumni Golf Outing;
Alumni Homecoming Social, Alumni Center
- Feb. 11** Alumni Homecoming Tailgating
- Feb. 21** Lander on the Road in Greenville, The Poinsett Club
- Feb. 23** Lander on the Road in Spartanburg, Carolina Country Club
- Mar. 16** Lander Evening Club
- Mar. 23** Lander "at Home" in Greenwood, Inn on the Square
- Mar. 28** Lander on the Road in Columbia, Capital City Club
- Mar. 30** Lander on the Road in Augusta, Ga., Partridge Inn
- Apr. 10** Young Alumni/Greenwood Tower Club Quarterly Meeting, Alumni Center
- Apr. 17** Lander Unite Day;
Happy Hour Meet-and-Greet
- Apr. 20** Alumni Day at the Dixie Drive In
- Apr. 21** 50th Class Reunion Dinner, Alumni Center
- Apr. 22** Lander Alumni Day and Awards Luncheon

* Events/dates subject to change. See www.lander.edu/alumni for details.

Hilton L. Dodgen Jr. '81 on the passing of his father, Hilton L. Dodgen Sr., May 29.

Sherry Mitchell Eppelsheimer '82 and **John Eppelsheimer '88** on the passing of her father and his father-in-law, Henry W. Mitchell, July 23.

Kelly Cox Hastings '82 on the passing of her father-in-law, James Frank Hastings, Feb. 12.

Emily Cash Starkey '87 on the passing of her mother, Nancy Sutton Jeter Cash, June 4.

Jay Siltzer '89 on the passing of his son, Malachi Ashenafi, Aug. 31, from complications related to brain cancer.

Jennifer Bartley Lawrence '93 and **Lyn Murph Bartley '01** on the passing of Lyn's mom and Jennifer's grandmother, **Carolyn Hughes Murph '40**, April 11.

Les Brown '00 and **Richenda McWhite Brown '00** on the passing of Les's grandfather, Gordon Edgar Brown, April 6.

Pate Jackson Fouche '08 on the passing of his father, **Daniel Wright Fouche '75**, June 5.

Ann-Marie Kemp '09 on the passing of her daughter, Esme Imogen Kemp, March 4.

Kayla Blackwell '11 on the passing of her grandmother, Shirley Harton Burghardt, April 9.

Win French '13 on the passing of his grandfather, Henry W. Mitchell, July 23.

Faculty/Staff

Sympathy to Tommy Tumblin on the passing of his mother, Bettye B. Tumblin, May 20. Tommy is an employee with Lander's Physical Plant staff.

Sympathy to Matt Goldman on the passing of his grandmother, Nora Jester McKinney, August 9. Matt is an employee with Lander's Physical Plant staff.

Leaving Their Mark

Lander Salutes 2015-16 Retirees

Ten members of Lander University's faculty and staff retired during the 2015-16 academic year, amassing a combined total of 211 years of service to the university and its students, alumni and friends.

"The success of an institution is directly related to its employees. We celebrate and thank each of our retirees for their loyal service, and for committing such a significant part of their lives to furthering our institution. They each have clearly left their mark on Lander University."

— Lander President Richard Cosentino

FACULTY



SAM TOLBERT
16 years

Department Chair and Associate Professor, School of Management



ROBBIE SOUTH
13 years

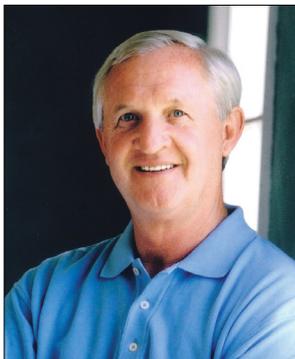
Interim Dean and Professor, School of Nursing



JUDY BELLO
12 years

English Lecturer, College of Arts and Humanities, Director of the Writing Center

ATHLETICS STAFF



JEFF MAY '73
40 years

Vice President and Director of Athletics



BOB STONER
28 years

Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Media



STEVE GROGAN '80
21 years

Assistant Athletics Director for the Jeff May Complex

STAFF



CHANDLER DARLING '83
28.5 years

Associate Director of Housing



KATHY GOLDSMITH '87
25.5 years

Public Information Specialist, University Relations and Publications



LINDA KIDD
14 years

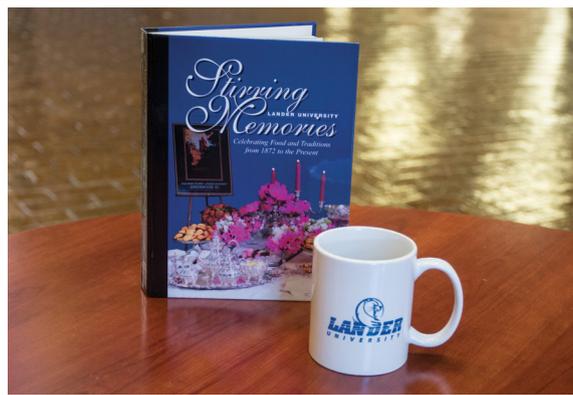
Development Coordinator, University Advancement



DAVE LORENZATTI
13 years

Public Information Specialist, University Relations and Publications

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All Together Again



GRADS MAKE JOYFUL RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR ALUMNI WEEK 2016

By Megan Price, Photos by Laura M. Brown '16

This spring, Lander alumni returned to their alma mater for a week of fellowship and special celebrations, including socials, entertainment and “Lander Appreciation” events on campus and in the surrounding community.

Alumni Week 2016 kicked off April 18 with Lander Unite Day, in which alumni all over the world were encouraged to dress in their Lander attire and reach out to fellow graduates in their area for lunch, dinner or a social.

Other events that week included a happy hour at the Fox & Hound at Greenwood’s Inn on the Square; an alumni breakfast at Howard’s on Main in Uptown Greenwood; Alumni Day at the iconic Dixie Drive-In, near the Lander campus; and Alumni Appreciation Night at Lander’s Dolny Stadium, which included an official proclamation for Lander University Alumni Week from Greenwood Mayor Welborn Adams.

The week wrapped up with a fun 50th-anniversary dinner on Friday, April 22, at Cambridge Hall for members of the Class of 1966, followed the next day by the Alumni Association Awards and Reunion Luncheon for the Classes of 1956, '66, '76, '86, '91 and 2006. The day included campus tours, and alumni were able to revisit their Lander history with a walk through the new Archive Room at Jackson Library. And for the first time, the annual luncheon, held in the Finis Horne Arena, was sponsored by a Lander graduate: Lucille Bishop Barnett, a member of the Class of 1944.

For information about alumni events, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 864-388-8351 or visit go.lander.edu/alumni.





1. On Saturday, April 23, Lander alumni celebrating milestone reunions gathered at Finis Horne Arena for the annual Alumni Association Awards and Reunion Luncheon. In attendance were many **Lander Golden Grads** – a special distinction reserved for those with at least 50 years as alumni. Pictured from left, are Edna Catherwood Kay '56; Sallie Shirley Peebles '58; Bernice Faircloth Reasoner '45, who represented the earliest class in attendance at the reunion luncheon; Nancy Atkins Hannah '48; Sara Shirley Couch '48; Sara Chandler Hutto '51; Betty Hipp Williams '64; Shelby Garrett Wood '65; and Barbara Murphy Hughes '51.

2. Members of the **Class of 1966** at the reunion included, front row from left: Elizabeth Lee Beazley, Jeanene Nobles, Joseph Cobb, Marguerite Sanders Prescott, Barbara Mason Swain, Lovett Reddick and Linda W. Skelton. Back row, from left: Art Sutherland, John Bartley, Andrea Gurrey Holler, Linda Deloach Gillespie, Nancy Ouzts McKittrick, Marvin Goldman and Joseph Riddlehoover.

3. Members of the **Class of 1976** celebrated their 40th reunion in 2016. Classmates attending reunion day included, pictured from left: Mike Leedy, Karen Aiken, South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Mitchell Spearman and Lander Alumni Association Vice President Debrah Hodges Miller.

4. The **Class of 1991** marked their 25th reunion this spring. Luncheon attendees included, from left: Susan Heironimus Wood, Melinda M. Baylor and Kimberly Renee Blanding.

5. Reunion Day also brought together members of the **Class of 2006**, who celebrated 10 years as Lander grads. Pictured from left: Mitchum Logan, Sharon Smith Cooper, Hope Williams, Julia Yannetti Kerber, Evie Wilson Evans, Tawana Pickens, Caroline Marullo and Amanda Wheless.

6-8. Attendees enjoyed opportunities to tour campus, reconnect with classmates and hear updates about their alma mater.



CELEBRATING ALUMNI WEEK 2016

(Top) Happy Hour Kick-Off: Alumni Week kicked off on April 18 with Lander Unite Day. That evening, alumni celebrated and reconnected with friends during a Happy Hour at Uptown Greenwood's Inn on the Square.

1. Loyal to Lander: Also on the 18th, Lander faculty and staff who are graduates of the university were treated to lunch in the Lander Dining Hall, courtesy of the Alumni Association.

2-3. Dixie Drive-In Fun: Who's hungry for a Dixie Cheese "half & half"? Alumni Week celebrations continued with a tasty plate of lunch at the Dixie Drive-In on Thursday, April 21. Alumni also received a special treat with their burgers – a free T-shirt. Thanks go out to Gigi Kerhoulas Huskey and George Kerhoulas for hosting the 2nd annual event.

4. 50 Years of Memories: The Class of 1966 shared fond memories during their 50th reunion dinner on Friday, April 22, at The Lander Foundation and Alumni Center. The evening began with social time, and classmates had the opportunity to reminisce on their Lander days with the help of photos and yearbooks from the 1960s.

5. An Uptown Breakfast: Alumni enjoyed a delicious breakfast the morning of April 19 at Howard's on Main in Greenwood. The Uptown restaurant donated 15 percent of all purchases that morning to the Lander Habitat House project.

– contributed photos



ON THE ROAD WITH LANDER ALUMNI

In addition to Alumni Week, the Lander Alumni Association made stops throughout the Carolinas over the spring and summer seasons, hosting a full lineup of socials and gatherings for alumni and university friends. The activities had a special emphasis on students and scholarships, and Lander alumni rose to the Forever Lander Challenge of paying it forward to support current and future Bearcats. Here, we take a look at some of our favorite moments from these events:

1. Summer in Sumter: In July, "Lander on the Road" traveled to Sumter, where alumni hosted a "send-off" for current Lander students from the area. The Sumter social, at the Alice Boyle Garden Center, was co-sponsored by Kay Stockbridge, J.J. Stockbridge '06, Anne Walker '72, Missy Evans '95, Lee Craig and the Alumni Affairs Office.

2. Low Country Meet-and-Greet: North Charleston's Sweetgrass Restaurant and Porch was the setting for a pleasant evening with Lander alumni from the Low Country and coastal regions. Proceeds from the event supported the Charleston Tower Club Scholarship.

3. Alumni Board Retreat: The Alumni Association Board recently voted to add a summer retreat to their annual meeting schedule. Their first retreat took place in June, and board members discussed alumni-related initiatives and received important updates on new enrollment and retention efforts.

4. Getting to Work: In preparation for the fall semester, the Greenwood Tower Club rolled up their sleeves and got to work packing hundreds of goodie bags to help welcome Lander's newest students to campus. The bags are handed out each year to freshmen during move in.

5. Capital City Social: In the spring, Columbia-area alumni enjoyed hors d'oeuvres with accepted students and their parents from the Midlands region. The "Lander on the Road" event, at the Capital City Club, was hosted by the Office of Admissions, Alumni Affairs and the Columbia Tower Club, and proceeds benefited the Columbia Tower Club Scholarship.



Winning Streak to College World Series

By Rixon Lane

After a disappointing 2015 campaign, the Lander Bearcats entered the 2016 season looking to reassert themselves as one of the top baseball programs in the Southeast.

Mission accomplished.

Lander stormed to its second College World Series (CWS) appearance in three years, racking up 44 wins en route to one of the best seasons in school history. The Bearcats marched unbeaten through the Southeast Regional and won two games at the CWS in Cary, N.C., before bowing out in the semifinals.

Following the season, Appalachian State would hire Bearcat head coach Kermit Smith and assistant coach Britt Johnson.

Picked to finish eighth in the Peach Belt Conference before the season, the Bearcats sat at 8-5 overall with a modest .500 mark in conference play after 13 games.

However, Lander embarked on a 15-game winning streak, winning four consecutive PBC series and

vaulting to No. 25 in the national polls by late March.

After a 6-3 win over rival Erskine in the regular season finale, Lander entered the Peach Belt Conference tournament with a 36-12 overall record. The Bearcats advanced to the conference championship, but dropped a 9-4 decision to Columbus State.

Tabbed as the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Southeast Regional, Lander stormed through the field unbeaten to claim the regional title. The Bearcats knocked off in-state rival USC Aiken twice in two days, avenging four losses at the hands of the Pacers earlier in the year, and claiming a 5-3 win to clinch a spot in the College World Series.

The Bearcats played one of the most thrilling games of the season in their CWS opener. In a game that would not be decided until after 1 a.m., Lander edged Central Missouri, 4-3, on a walk-off single from senior Will Jones in the bottom of the ninth.

In the winner's bracket match-up, Lander lost 12-1 to eventual national champion Nova Southeastern, setting up an elimination

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game the following day against Southern Indiana. The Bearcats earned a measure of revenge against the Screaming Eagles, who had beaten Lander in the 2014 CWS, by knocking off Southern Indiana, 4-2.

In its second elimination game in as many days, Lander's magical season finally came to an end. The Bearcats fell to top-ranked Millersville, 4-2, ending the year with a 44-16 record. Lander would end the season with a No. 3 national ranking in the final polls, the highest final ranking in program history.

A school-record four Bearcats were selected in the Major League Baseball draft following the season. Career saves leader Brandon White was taken in the 12th round by the Atlanta Braves, while the Miami Marlins selected first baseman Colby Lusignan and Zach Daly, Lander's single-season home run king, in the 28th and 37th rounds, respectively. Southeast Regional MVP Will Jones was a 28th-round selection of the New York Yankees.

Lusignan, Daly, White, Jones, and Bearcat career home run leader Thomas Berry were each named first-team All-Peach Belt, while Lusignan, Daly and White garnered D2CAA All-American honors.

Four Selected in the Major League Baseball Draft



Brandon White
Atlanta Braves



Will Jones
New York Yankees



Colby Lusignan
Miami Marlins



Zach Daly
Miami Marlins



Lander Softball

Lady Bearcats Advance to PBC Tournament

By Rixon Lane

With a new head coach and a roster without a single senior, many expected the Lander softball team to struggle in 2016.

The Bearcats laid waste to that idea by responding with one of the best seasons in recent program history and advancing to the Peach Belt Conference tournament for the first time in six seasons.

Under the direction of head coach Glen Crawford, who came to Greenwood after leading Reinhardt University to five appearances at NAIA national tournaments, the Bearcats set a program record with 12 PBC wins and finished the season with a winning record for the first time since 2003.

Lander swept eight series during the season, including four against Peach Belt opponents, and posted a pair of five-game winning streaks. The Bearcats punched their ticket to the conference tournament with a sweep of Augusta in the regular-season finale at Doug Spears Field. A loss to Young Harris in the quarterfinals of the PBC tournament ended Lander's season at 26-21.

Freshman catcher Kelli McCormack was named first-team All-Peach Belt as a utility player, while junior outfielder MaKenzie Smith earned second-team All-Peach Belt honors.

Top: The Bearcats' McKenzi Ferguson, pictured, led the pitching staff with 152 strikeouts in 2016. – photo by Bob Stoner



Coach Glen Crawford



Kelli McCormack



MaKenzie Smith

Within Reach

By Rixon Lane

Bearcats Make 11th Consecutive Trip to NCAA Tournament

The Lander men's tennis team is one of the most storied tennis programs in NCAA Division II, and the Bearcats lived up to that billing once again in 2016.

Lander returned to the NCAA Tournament for the 11th consecutive season and advanced to the Round of 16 before falling to Hawaii Pacific, the eventual national champion, to finish the year with a 19-6 overall record. The loss marked the second-straight season that the Bearcats were ousted by the national champs.

Facing one of the nation's toughest schedules, the Bearcats opened the season by winning eight of their first nine matches, including five consecutive wins to open Peach Belt Conference play. After dropping a 5-4 decision to No. 3-ranked Armstrong State on the road, Lander responded by reeling off seven consecutive wins, including a road victory over defending national champion Barry, ending the regular season with a 9-1 conference record.

"Coming off a final four appearance in 2015, the guys were still hungry for more success," said head coach Brett Simpson, "and we were able to have extremely consistent results."

After posting a disappointing 1-2 mark in the Peach Belt Conference tournament to finish fourth, the Bearcats began their quest for a 13th national championship by blanking PBC rival Francis Marion, 5-0, in the first round of the NCAA Southeast Regional.

The following day, Lander avenged their PBC tournament loss to Columbus State by topping the Cougars, 5-3, to earn a trip to Denver for the Round of 16 at the NCAA National Championships.

"One of our main goals every year is to win regionals, and we were able to accomplish that with a come-from-behind victory against Columbus State," said Simpson. "The team showed tremendous fight and determination all year, and to grind out a win against a top national team for the right to go to the national championships was definitely a highlight of the year."

A strong season came to an end in Colorado, as the Bearcats could not overcome an early deficit, falling 5-1 to Hawaii Pacific. Five of Lander's six losses during the season came against teams ranked in the top 15 nationally.

Chris Devoize, Marc Hofer and Loic Minery each earned All-American honors from the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Devoize was a first-team All-Peach Belt selection, while doubles partners Hofer and Minery were both named second-team all-conference.

Simpson was honored as the ITA's NCAA Division II Southeast Region Coach of the Year, and the Bearcats finished the season ranked No. 4 in the final ITA poll, their highest final ranking since 2002.

"Overall, it was a great year for us," Simpson said, "and it allows all our returners to believe a national championship is within our reach."



Lander men's tennis players Loic Minery, pictured, Chris Devoize and Marc Hofer were named NCAA Division II All-Americans in June by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



Team member Chris Devoize, pictured, takes aim at the ball during a match this season. – photos by Bob Stoner

In Other Sports

Women's Tennis

The Lander women's tennis team won its final four matches, all on the road, to end the 2016 season with a 9-9 overall record. The Lady Bearcats finished .500 or better for the third consecutive season. Lander's year was highlighted by a 9-0 sweep of Georgia Southwestern and back-to-back Peach Belt wins over Clayton State and Montevallo during the final weekend of the season. Freshman Lauren French won her last six singles matches of the year and finished with an 8-3 record in PBC play, while sophomore Anni Poikola and junior Yuriko Ono teamed up to go 10-3 in doubles play, including a 6-2 mark in the conference.

Men's Golf

The Lander golf team finished 11th at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional, capping a season in which the Bearcats recorded nine top-10 finishes and placed inside the top five in four different events. Lander won the Pfeiffer Invitational behind sophomore James Bartlett's tournament-best, three-under-par 141. The Bearcats also managed a fifth-place finish at the Peach Belt Conference championship, as junior Michal Pospisil became the first golfer in the history of the Lander men's golf program to win the PBC individual title, shooting a two-under 214. Individually, Lander managed eight top-10 finishes and five top-five finishes on the season. All six Bearcat golfers finished the year with average rounds of 75.8 or lower.

Lane Takes Reins as Sports Media Director

In September, Lander Athletics welcomed Rixon Lane as the university's next Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Media. He takes the reins from longtime veteran Bob Stoner, who retired from Lander after 28 years, including 21 as the full-time sports information director.



"We are excited to welcome Rixon to our Bearcat family as our next sports information director," said Kevin Pederson, acting senior associate athletic director and women's head basketball coach. "Rixon is a young, bright and energetic person who will work tirelessly

to push Lander Athletics to the forefront in today's many different media venues."

At 24 years old, Lane becomes one of the youngest sports information directors in the country at the NCAA level. He will be in charge of promoting Lander's 10 varsity sports programs, in addition to overseeing landerbearcats.com, social media, video stream broadcasts, press releases, photography, publications and a host of other public relations duties.

Lane, who has previously worked as a freelance broadcaster and writer, has called games for ESPN3 and the SoCon Digital Network. A 2014 graduate of the University of South Carolina, he earned a bachelor's in broadcast journalism while covering South Carolina athletics for print, radio and television.



Pictured, from left, are Lander's top student-athletes for the 2015-16 academic year: Noel McDaniel, Loic Minery and Bre Crum.

By Bob Stoner

The Lander University Athletics Department honored its top student-athletes for the 2015-16 season in 10 sports and the spirit teams at its 48th Annual Athletics Banquet, held in April at Horne Arena.

Noel McDaniel, a senior women's soccer player from Lexington, received the Dr. Boyce M. Grier Award as the Lander student-athlete who best exemplifies sportsmanship, integrity, pride in the university and a positive attitude. McDaniel, whose senior season was cut short due to an injury, was twice a member of the All-Peach Belt Conference team and once selected to the NSCAA All-Southeast Region team. She has also been named to the Peach Belt Presidential Honor Roll. A member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, she is involved in youth ministry at North Side Baptist Church, volunteers at Mud Pies Pre-School, collects food and formula for the Greenwood Food Bank, and sponsors a child named Maxwell from World Vision in Zambia. McDaniel has been on three mission trips to Africa and two in the United States.

Bre Crum, a senior women's basketball player from Tampa, Fla., received the Dr. Samuel C. Hodges Award as the Female Athlete of the Year. Crum led the Lady Bearcats to the PBC Tournament championship and was named the tournament MVP. A first-team All-PBC selection, she was voted the PBC Defensive Player of the Year. Crum, who was also named to the All-Southeast Region team, averaged 14.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per game. She led the Peach Belt Conference in steals with 94 and was second on the team in assists with 128.

Men's tennis player Loic Minery, a senior from Mulhouse, France, received the M.V. Wells Award, given annually to the Lander Male Athlete of the Year. Minery earned ITA All-American and All-Peach Belt honors last season and was ranked No. 35 in the country in singles this spring. During his two years at Lander, he was a combined 64-7 in singles and doubles.

In other awards, Lander men's soccer player Cody Brooks received the Volunteer of the Year Award, and the women's basketball team received the Bell-Williams Award.



Lander Names Robinson as Interim Athletic Director By Bob Stoner

College basketball icon Les Robinson, who has been a head basketball coach and athletic director at three different Division I institutions, was named this summer as Lander University's interim athletic director.

Robinson will lead Lander Athletics during the nationwide search for a permanent athletic director to replace Jeff May, who retired in July after 40 years of service to the university.

"Coach Les Robinson is well-known and well-respected throughout collegiate sports, and Lander is fortunate to have someone of his considerable experience and expertise to guide us through this interim period," Lander President Richard Cosentino said.

After a career that spanned nearly 50 years in college athletics, Robinson, who was good friends with Lander's legendary basketball coach and athletic director Finis Horne, ended his career as the athletic director at The Citadel in 2008.

His first order of business as Lander's interim athletic director was meeting the coaches, getting to know them and helping them achieve their goals. "The better you know (the coaches) and trust them, the more you can accomplish. I love sharing my knowledge."

Upon completion of his playing days at N.C. State, where he graduated in 1965, he served as an assistant coach at his alma

mater, as well as at Western Carolina University and The Citadel. He earned his first head coaching position at The Citadel (1974-85), and later coached at East Tennessee State University (1985-90), where he also served as athletic director. He returned to N.C. State as head coach from 1990 to 1996.

Following his coaching career, in which he amassed 291 victories, he served as the athletic director at N.C. State from 1996-2000, then finished his career as The Citadel athletic director (2000-08).

As The Citadel's head coach, Robinson twice earned South Carolina Coach of the Year and Southern Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Robinson, who also served as a coach for two U.S. national teams, guided ETSU to the NCAA Tournament in 1989 and 1990, after the Buccaneers earned the Southern Conference's automatic berth by winning the conference tournament. He was named the Southern Conference and Tennessee Coach of the Year in 1990.

He replaced the legendary Jim Valvano as N.C. State's head coach and was named the 1991 NABC District Coach of the Year following a 20-11 season and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The 2007 NACDA/AstroTurf Southeast Region Director of Athletics of the Year, Robinson has served 14 years on the prestigious NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee, which determines site selection for the NCAA Tournament and picks at-large teams.



Burke Tapped as Baseball Head Coach

In August, Jason Burke, a Palmetto State native who has spent the majority of his 11-year coaching career in the Carolinas, was named the sixth head baseball coach in Lander University history.

Burke began his college playing career at Lander and finished at Southern Wesleyan University, where he graduated in 2004. He earned a master's degree at Gardner-Webb in sport science and pedagogy.

Burke spent the past five seasons as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Wofford College. During his time with the Terriers, five Wofford pitchers were selected in the Major League Baseball draft and three were chosen to the All-Southern Conference team. Prior to his time at Wofford, Burke spent four seasons on the staff at Gardner-Webb under former Lander head coach Rusty Stroupe. Burke played for Stroupe at Lander in 2001. The former Bearcat player spent the 2006-07 seasons as an assistant at Wofford.

"Lander is a great baseball program and great school, and to be named the head coach here is definitely an honor," Burke said. "I know the baseball program is in top-notch shape, all the way from when it was started with Rusty Stroupe, and Kermit Smith did a phenomenal job progressing the program and taking it to the national championship level. It's an honor to follow those guys."

Burke replaces Smith, who accepted a head coaching position at Appalachian State University following the close of the 2016 season.

Lander's baseball program has enjoyed a high level of success on and off the field, said Interim Athletic Director Les Robinson. He said Burke will be able to capture the momentum of the 2016 season and continue to advance the program.

"Jason is a high-energy guy with a true passion for developing young men on and off the field," Robinson said. "Our search committee was very impressed with his vision for the future of Lander baseball."



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Alumni, Friends and Supporters of Lander University,

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Lander family. Our new strategic plan and our potential for enrollment growth are helping to shape Lander for many years to come.

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On Monday, October 31, we kicked off an annual giving campaign targeted specifically at obtaining funds to support enrollment and scholarship initiatives. **The Foundations of Excellence Annual Giving Campaign** will have five components:

(1) "The Power of One" Faculty/Staff Giving Campaign (November 2016)

(2) Alumni Fund Phone-A-Thon (November 2016)
Lander students will be calling alumni to encourage and receive donor commitments. Donors may give through check, credit card or payroll deduction.

(3) Foundations of Excellence Annual Fund Call-to-Action (November 2016 - June 2017)

An annual giving appeal, with special care made to encourage scholarship support, endowment and funding.

(4) Winter Ball (January 6, 2017)

This is a formal event where both dinner and entertainment will be held on campus. Sponsors will be solicited and individual tickets for the event will be \$100 each, with all proceeds going to the General Scholarship Fund.

(5) Spring Soirée (April 29, 2017)

This is a casual garden party where both dinner and entertainment will be held on the grounds of Cambridge Hall. Sponsors will be solicited and individual tickets for the event will be \$75 each, with all proceeds going to the General Scholarship Fund.

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Nickles Establishes Music Scholarship



A new scholarship has been established at Lander in the name of longtime Greenwood music teacher Joyce J. Nickles.

The scholarship will be awarded to a freshman music major or minor studying applied piano or voice. It's renewable for up to four years, provided the student maintains a 3.0 GPA.

Nickles has a long relationship with Lander. From the time she was six until her graduation from high school, she studied piano at Lander, first under Estill Blocker and then under Lander faculty member Roberta Major.

After three years at Mississippi College, where she studied church and organ music, she returned to Greenwood to resume lessons with Major. It was Major who, after Nickles' graduation from Lander in 1960, encouraged her to open Joyce J. Nickles Studio, where Nickles has taught music for more than 55 years.

"Teaching children to love and learn music has been my passion. It has been challenging and rewarding, and it is in establishing this music scholarship that I hope to help a Lander student have this same feeling of accomplishment in a life filled with music," she said.

"We are so proud of Joyce and all she has accomplished," said Lander Alumni Affairs Director Myra Greene. She invited Nickles' former students and friends to honor her by contributing to the Joyce J. Nickles Music Scholarship. Donations may be made payable to The Lander Foundation and mailed to Lander University, Office of University Advancement, 320 Stanley Avenue, Greenwood, S.C. 29649.

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Green Fundraiser Draws A Crowd



A large crowd converged on the Jeff May Complex for this year's Glenas Green Community Action Day, which featured a 5K Walk/Run.

The event is a fundraiser for the Glenas Green College of Education Endowed Scholarship at Lander and the Glenas's Girls Mentoring Program at Brewer Middle School, in Greenwood.

Green, who graduated from Lander in 1979 with a degree in early childhood education, worked for 30 years as an educator in Greenwood, where she taught at four different elementary schools. She also served as a guidance counselor, assistant principal and coordinator of the Girl Power program for teenage girls at Brewer.

She died in 2010 after a struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Lander Alumni Affairs Director Myra Greene said that the fundraiser "honors the memory of an extraordinary woman who gave so much of herself to her students and the community."

The scholarship that the event supports "will make a great difference in the lives of students for years to come, and the Glenas's Girls program at Brewer thrives today because of the dedication of Glenas and those who have carried the torch for her," she said.

Greene said that the event "celebrates the 'can do' spirit synonymous with Glenas and now her family."

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 Portia Mccray
 Noel McDaniel
 Shala McFadden
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 Renata Mello
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by Catherine Covar
by Cindy Dysart
by Joe Franks
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by Erin Garland
by Matthew Gilstrap
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by Tammy Monts
by Floyd Nicholson

Wood Establishes Scholarship in Honor of McDonald

Longtime educator and 1984 Lander alum Gene Wood established a scholarship in honor of Rebecca McDonald, his first-grade teacher whom he credits for inspiring his 33-year career in Greenwood County schools.

"I always wanted to give back to Lander but thought that establishing a scholarship would cost thousands of dollars, but I found that was far from accurate," Wood said. "The decision to name it in honor of Mrs. McDonald was an easy one because she's had such a profound impact on many people in Greenwood County and beyond."

Wood credits McDonald with providing him the skill set to read and write, as well as the joy found in learning. "Mrs. McDonald is the reason I became an educator. The care she showed her students and the effectiveness of her techniques had a profound effect on my life."

A 1964 alumna, McDonald taught in Greenwood County for 31 years. Her former students have gone on to a host of remarkable professions, including one who serves as a judge and others who, like Wood, were inspired to pursue education careers themselves.



Gene Wood '84 (left) with fellow Lander graduate Rebecca McDonald '64.

"When I found out about the scholarship Gene had so kindly established, I immediately called my two children and told them, 'Your mother is soaring!'," said McDonald. "I also told them that if you can't think of anything to buy for me for Christmas, just be sure to give to this scholarship."

by Deb Nygro
by Kim Shannon
by Debbie Spearman
by Ragen Waldrop
by Kim Williams

Eula Caudle Bracknell Scholarship

John & Holly Bracknell
In honor of John & Holly Bracknell
by Joy B. Workman

Carl & Barbara Brock Scholarship

Robert & Linda Dennis

Jo Marie Bryan Scholarship

Helen Bryan
Kenneth & Faye Shaffer
Dr. & Mrs. Roger Troutman
In honor of Helen Bryan for Mother's Day
In memory of Jo Marie Bryan
In memory of Jo Marie's birthday
by Dr. Wilma Reeves Phillips

Ruth Monk C. Buchanan Scholarship

In memory of Monk Buchanan
by Jean Still

Mary Alice Cox Burnett Education Scholarship

Mary Alice Cox Burnett
Joyce A. Ludwa
In honor of Mary Alice Burnett's birthday
by Mr. & Mrs. Guy Hendrix
by Eleanor Teal

Sara Harris Burnett Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Baggett

Debbie Burton Memorial Scholarship

James & Linda Burton
Jeff May

Steve & Carol Byrd Scholarship

Steve & Carol Byrd
In honor of Steve & Carol Byrd for Christmas
by Chris, Catherine, Beth Anne, Becca, Christopher & Claire Byrd
In memory of Ben Davis
by Steve & Carol Byrd

Caldwell & Gregory Scholarship

Caldwell & Gregory

Marion P. Carnell Scholarship

Jeff May

Betty Cervenka Nursing Scholarship

Donna Perry

Joe V. Chandler Scholarship

Dr. Ronald K. Evans
Steve & Gayle Grogan
Jeff May
James C. Nichols Jr.
In memory of Joe Chandler's birthday
by Brad LaRue & Leslie Chandler LaRue

Chan Sup Chang Business Scholarship

Dr. David K. Chang

Dr. Mark Chang

In memory of Dr. Chan Chang
by Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Ball
by Dr. Barbara T. Freese
by Mr. & Mrs. Reece Going
by Bettie Horne
by Larry & Barbara Jackson
by Ki Ho Kang
by Dr. Betsy McDowell
by Dr. Wilma Reeves Phillips
by Dr. & Mrs. Richard Pickney
by Dr. Carol Scales
by Eleanor Teal
by Denise Thompson

Nahn Joo Chang Scholarship

Dr. David K. Chang
Dr. Mark Chang
Joyce Ludwa
Denise Thompson

Jenny Chapman Nursing Scholarship

Valerie Sabrina Chapman

Earline Buzhardt Clark Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Curtis G. Clark
Gay Coleman

Class of 1965 Scholarship

Sharon Adams
Martha Blackmon
Sylvia Carson
Sansia Coble
Marjorie Craig
Martha Cramer
Sandra Cunningham
Becky Hamor

Elaine Horton

Frankie Royer
Linda Coleman Self
Mayrelle Semken
Mason & Connie Speer
Shelby Wood

Class of 1966 Scholarship

Dr. John Bartley Ph.D.
Mrs. Jim Beazley
Joseph Cobb
Rev. John Conn Jr.
Linda Dye-Bennett
Marvin Goldman
Andrea Holler
Dr. Larry Daniel Lawson
Charles Long
Nancy Mckittrick
Jeanene Nobles
Marguerite Prescott
Dr. Norman Raiford
Joe Ridlehoover
Linda Skelton
Art Sutherland
Barbara Swain
In memory of Ray Drummond
by Linda D. Gillespie
by Art & Julia Sutherland

Coleman-Lawson Scholarship

In memory of Cora Lee Starling
by Chandler Darling
by Evening Lander Club

Maybelle Coleman Scholarship

Judy Martin McColl

GIFTS TO SCHOLARSHIPS (continued)

Mary Katherine Henderson Constant Scholarship

In memory of Mary Katherine Henderson Constant
by Terry & Kit Adkins
by Adventure Travels
by Sid & Carlotta Alston
by Jamie Anderson
by Boyce & Gwen Attaway
by Monique Sacay Bagwell
by Rebecca Banks
by Vonna Banks
by Josephine Bartley
by Neal & Judy Bates
by Grady & Susan Beard
by James Berley
by James & July Bidwell
by Bob & Mona Borland
by Bob & Carole Ann Bowyer
by George Bowyer
by Emmett Brooks
by Dianna Mauldin Burgess
by Mary Ann Burke
by R. David Burnett Jr.
by Steve & Carol Byrd
by Dr. Joseph Cabri
by Eugena Cameron
by Lili Chen
by City Of Greenwood
by Dr. O. M. Cobb
by Ann Coker
by Ray & Linda Cooner
by Mr. & Mrs. Eric L. Constant
by Jeff Constant
by Richard & Donna Constant
by Lou Ann Corley
by Ted & Betty Crowder
by Sallie Culbertson
by Cullum Construction
by Chandler Darling
by B. M. Darron
by Martin Davidson
by Sarah Deal
by Debbie Dill
by John Dominick
by Charles & Anne Drake
by Shell & Mary Dula
by Mary Van Ellenberg
by Emerald High School
by Susan Farrar
by James & Guilda Fergueron
by First ARP Church
by Kenneth W. Fish
by Dave & Vaughan Free
by Ben Free
by James & Mirian Garner
by Peggy Gorham-Cromer
by James, Amy & Sarah Graves
by Myra Greene
by Kimberly Grennan
by Helena Guareschi
by Gary Hall
by Harling's Tire Market
by James & Joan Harris
by Robert & Katy Heindl
by Sylvia Heironimus
by Mr. & Mrs. John M. Hill
by William & Katheryn Hinson
by Phyllis Hockett
by Susan Holley
by Jeanne Hughston
by Larry & Barbara Jackson
by Martha A. Jameson
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry A. Jennings
by David Paul Johnson
by Donna H. Johnson
by Toni D. Justus
by Sharon Wall Keesley
by Jenny Hagan Kelly

by Sandra Kerloulas-Moser
by Linda Kidd
by Pam Williams King
by Robin Lawrence
by Don & Lee Long
by Pam Lytch
by Katherine Martin
by Furman & Carol Mauldin Family
by Jeff May
by Lelia Maynard
by Becky McDaniel
by James McDonald
by Linda McGinnis
by Michael McKenzie
by Dr. J. Roland McKinney
by Merrywood Elementary School
by Sandra Moody
by David Morrison
by Marilyn Mills
by M & M Tire Company
by Mt. Aerial Chapter DAR
by Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Munnerlyn
by Lomax & Marilyn Murphy
by Gerald Owens
by Dr. & Mrs. Andy Owings
by Daniel Pardieck
by Beverly Park
by Jody & Robin Patrick
by Ralph Patterson
by St. Paul United Methodist Church
by Catherine Perez
by Wilma Reeves Phillips
by Mrs. Harry Poole Jr.
by Professional Appraisal Services
by Jo Ann Purkerson
by Franklin Rausch
by Jane & Tignor Rauton
by Jackie Roark
by Charlie & Sally Rogers
by Frank & Bobbie Setzler
by Charles, Christine, Rachel & Jared Schwartz
by SC Regional Housing Auth. #1
by Betty Scurry
by Mr. & Mrs. John Sheffield
by Georgia Sherard
by Anna & Kay Starling
by Dr. & Mrs. J. K. Stokes
by DeWitt & Carolyn Stone
by Anne Stone & Eric Hiser
by Barbara Swain
by Martha Taylor
by Prudence Taylor
by Van Taylor
by Dixon & Eleanor Teal
by Stuart Tinkler
by Dr. & Mrs. W. P. Tinkler
by Sam Tolbert
by K. L. Timmerman Enterprises
by Kenny & Mae Timmerman
by Hugh Tucker
by Peter & Patricia Vahjen
by Mary Van Ellenberg
by Patricia Vanderford
by Lee Vartanian
by Glenda Vines
by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ward III
by Gail Warner
by Beth Starling Wells
by Francis Werts
by Rose Whaley
by Harriett Williams
by Joyce Williams
by Karen Williams
by Michael and Betty Williams
by Bill & Beth Wimsalt
by Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Young
In memory of Courtney Price
by Ann Carol Corley

Barbara Kinard Cornett Art Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Cornett
Michael Cornett

Countybank Scholarship
Countybank

Annie Laurie Crawford Scholarship
Dr. Carol J. Scales

Robert & Deborah Cumming Scholarship
Gajinder Singh

Bernice Daugherty Scholarship
Erica Bartley
Allison Mast
Dave Slimmer
Opal Sobieszczyk

Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship
Delta Kappa Gamma

Debbie Dennis Scholarship
Sarah B. Catoe
Elaine Annis Young

Jack W. Dolny Scholarship
Mark N. Dolny
In honor of Mark Dolny & Amy Conklyn
by Linda Dolny Lister

R. Thornwell Dunlap Jr. Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Brewington Jr.
Martha Dunlap
Mr. & Mrs. Claude Robinson

Don Durden Scholarship
Don Durden
Julia Yannetti Kerber

Elizabeth Eble Scholarship
Larry & Barbara Jackson

Eisenbeck Scholarship
Charlie & Sally Rogers

Eltzroth-Williams Scholarship
Rose Marie Williams

Equestrian Center Scholarship
Ann B. Bowen

Ruth Harrison Finch Scholarship
Bradley Cox
Hugh & Emily Cox
Jonathan & Brandy Finch
In honor of Ann Finch
In honor of Marion Finch
by Bradley Cox
by Hugh & Emily Cox

Fine Arts (Music) Scholarship
In memory of Barbara Parham
In memory of Joann Scotland
by Larry & Barbara Jackson

Finkbeiner Athletic Scholarship
Joseph & Katie Ingram
Erwin & Kat Finkbeiner

First Citizens Bank Scholarship
First Citizens Bank

The Doris F. Fitzgerald Teacher Education Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Fitzgerald
Jill Carnes Hunter

Jane Farmer Fox Biology Scholarship
In memory of Nancy Cash
by Larry & Barbara Jackson

Lillian Byrd Fuller Scholarship
Sarah Catoe

Willie B. Garrick Scholarship
Tasha Garrick

Georgia Alumni Scholarship
T. Marvin Goldman
Delina Montgomery

Golden Girls/Guys Scholarship
Jane McTeer Brown
Sara Couch
Sylvia Heironimus
Barbara Murphy Hughes
Carol Moore
Joyce Nickles
Henry Price
Gene Tolbert

Walter Lanier Gorham Criminal Justice Scholarship
Peggy Gorham-Cromer
Robert Gorham

Grand Strand Scholarship
Patricia Deleone
Myra Greene
Oliva Huggins
Paige Mimms
Paula Moseley
Betty Skinner
Angela Strickland

Glenas D. Green Scholarship
Lorraine Angelino Ph.D.
Costina Bobo
Thomas Bruce
Corey Chappell
Ernestine Clinkscales
Dijarvis Crawford
Alysa Dunn
Samantha Emily
Kimberly Goldsborough
Christine Graves
Caryl Graves
Alvin Green
Candace Green
Jerome Green
Dr. Roosevelt Green
Mamie Greene
Myra Greene
Robert Greene
Marcella Hall
Ozena Harfield
Juane Harris
Audrey Henderson
Dr. Bettie Horne
Larry & Barbara Jackson
Jodie Lee
Volanda McBride
Mr. & Mrs. Robert McClinton
Janette Miller
Anthony Morris
Pamela Morton
Taji Moteelall
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Sonia Nieto
Mamie Nicholson
Jimmy Pereira
Carlos Perkins
Laura Quaynor
Rochelle Reodica
Charlie & Sally Rogers
S.C. Assoc. of Ministers Wives
& Widows
Dixon & Eleanor Teal
Heather Thompson

Robert & Jane Todd
Llana Velazque
Fred Wactor
Shirley Watson
Kathy White
Betty Williams
Deborah Williams
Jairus Williams
Margaret Wilson
Audrey Witherspoon
Gerald Witt
Gemal Woods

Myra Greene Honors College Fine Arts Scholarship
Myra Greene
Ken Johnson
Margaret S. King
Graham Shaffer
Fred Wactor
In memory of Carolyn Murph
In honor of Fred Wactor
by Myra Greene

Greenwood Woman's Club Scholarship
Greenwood Woman's Club
In honor of Sally Lomax
by Greenwood Woman's Club

James Grogan Political Science Scholarship
In honor of Aron Tannenbaum
by Larry & Barbara Jackson

Robert Grogan Scholarship
Roger Bagwell
Evelyn Grogan
Steve & Gayle Grogan
Jeff May
Dixon & Eleanor Teal

Sylvia Brooks Grubb Nursing Scholarship
Sarah Catoe
Sylvia Brooks Grubb

Clem B. Ham Healthcare Management Scholarship
Donald H. & Monti Lloyd

Ann Hare Scholarship
Clarissa Blackmore
Maxine Bolton
Margaret Briggs
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Epps Jr.
Patricia Fronzak
Reece & Susan Going
Ann Hare
Joyce Hughston
Larry & Barbara Jackson
Dr. Linda K. Neely
Marilyn Towne
Suzanne Vanbramer
Michael & Betty Williams
MaryLou Wilson
Phyllis Zuehlke

Mary Frances Hare Scholarship
Estate of Mary Frances Hare

Harrison Twin Chemistry Scholarship
Margaret Harrison Wallen

G. Bonner & Martha Harvley Scholarship
Martha Dunlap

Meghan Diane Hawley Memorial Scholarship
Mr. & Mrs. Luther Steve Hawley
Joyce Ludwa

Students Thank Abney Foundation for Scholarship Support

In memory of Megan & Lita Hawley
by John & Molly Winters

William Kenneth Henderson Scholarship

Jeff Constant
DeWitt & Carolyn Stone

Hattie P. Henry Scholarship

Happy Henry

Maurice & Mary Holloway Scholarship

Maurice & Mary Holloway

Honors College General Scholarship

Joyce Nickles

Bettie Horne Scholarship

Larry & Barbara Jackson
Jeff May
Eleanor Teal

Finis Horne Scholarship

Roger Bagwell
Sarah Catoe
Mr. & Mrs. James Dean
Dr. Ronald Evans
Jeff May
In memory of Finis Horne
In honor of Jeff May
by Tom Cooper

Mac Hubbard Scholarship

Jacqueline Bell
Jennifer Bomar
Mr. & Mrs. Len Bornemann
Dr. Joseph Cabri
Dot Carter
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davidson
Virginia Dumont-Poston
Vivian Gaylord
Robert P. Godfrey
Reece & Susan Going
Myra Greene
Fred Hardin
Paul & Ruth Holsberg
Mac & Holly Hubbard
Donna Johnson
Mike & Linda Leedy
Kathryn Lewis
Colleen McGowan
Kenneth Player
Jackie Roark
Angela Strickland
Anne Sturtevant
Van Taylor
Dixon & Eleanor Teal
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Troublefield
Bruce White

Rah Lom Humes Scholarship

Emmett Murray
C. Wayne White
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Whitehurst

Hunt Family Scholarship

Ray & Julie Hunt

Tom & Ann Hutto Scholarship

In memory of Dr. J. Hayden
Igleheart
by Thomas Hill

Barbara A. Jackson Scholarship

Jeff May

Larry A. Jackson Scholarship

In memory of Rhett Jackson
by Elizabeth Eble
by Jeff May

This spring, Lander University played host to executives of The Abney Foundation, whose financial gifts to Lander represent the university's largest scholarship endowment.

Van Taylor, interim vice president for University Advancement, said The Abney Foundation has given Lander an annual gift each year for many years, and that 55 students received Abney scholarship assistance in the 2015-16 academic year. The luncheon was organized as an opportunity for Abney executives and scholarship recipients to meet, and for those students to personally express their thanks.

"The Abney Foundation is a devoted and enthusiastic supporter of Lander University and our students," Taylor said. "Their continued generosity helps ensure that the students of today and tomorrow have the opportunity to achieve their dreams of a college education."

Abney Foundation Executive Director David King and retired Executive Director Carl Edwards were busy during the luncheon, shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries with the students.

Taylor said it is important for students to have an opportunity to meet their scholarship donors and to thank them for their support. "Being able to put a face to a name – meeting the person behind the scholarship – that makes quite an impact on a student. It is also a wonderful opportunity for our donors to see the power of their investment," he said.



This spring, Lander students had an opportunity to offer personal thanks to The Abney Foundation for scholarship assistance. Pictured, left foreground: Foundation Executive Director David King. Background: Retired Executive Director Carl Edwards.

The Abney Foundation has its offices in Anderson. It was established in 1957 as a private grant-making organization. Its primary focus is on higher education, and more than 75 percent of its gifts are for that purpose. The remainder is awarded to support local organizations. Since it was created, The Abney Foundation has awarded over \$32.6 million to more than 14,000 students. It awarded grants to 600 students at 14 colleges and universities in the 2015-16 academic year.

Larry & Barbara Jackson Nursing Scholarship

Dr. Usha Menon

Harvey E. Jeffreys Theatre Scholarship

Olgethia Louden

Shirley Dawsey Johnson Scholarship

Joel Eric Johnson
Robert & Shirley Dawsey Johnson
In memory of George Anderson
by Robert & Shirley Johnson

Pete Kerhoulas Music Scholarship

Laurie Kerhoulas-Brown
Sandra Kerhoulas Moser
Jeffrey Stinson

Franklin & Martha King Memorial Scholarship

King Trust

Lakelands Home Builders Association for Engineering Scholarship

Lakelands Home Builders Association

Lander Black Alumni Network Scholarship

Denise Bryant
Twynette Bryant
Cynthia Dibble

Zenata Donaldson

Ashaunta Epps
James Gaskin
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goodwin
Tokay Hackett
Tara Nimmons
Troy Paige
Tiffany Palmer
Sherry Kennedy Rivers
Tiffini Tillman
Torri Toland

Lander Legacy Scholarship

In honor of babies of
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Caldwell
Mr. & Mrs. David Vaughn
Mr. & Mrs. James Clarke
Mr. & Mrs. Brock Dixon
Mr. & Mrs. James Roland
Mr. & Mrs. William Stork
Mr. & Mrs. Wes Moseley
Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Melton
Mr. & Mrs. Robbie Bennett
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Turner
by Myra Greene

Lander Lily Scholarship

Elizabeth Brawner
Rich & Jessie Cosentino
Charles & Anne Drake
Myra Greene
Kat Finkbeiner
Nancy Lovelady May

Sandra McCord

Joyce Nickles
Edwin Self
Linda Stevens
Eleanor Teal

William T. Lander Jr. Scholarship

DeWitt & Carolyn Stone

Jack & Daugthy Lawrence Scholarship

Jack Lawrence

Fitz & Margaret Lee Scholarship

George H. Davis II
Arthur Lee
Margaret Lee

M. F. Lide Scholarship

Jean S. Baker
Ruth B. Brock
Sarah B. Catoe
Chandler Darling
Nancy D. Davis
Phil & Dianne L. Gregory
Merle Ervin
Jeff May
Sherry Kennedy Rivers
Eleanor Teal

Charles E. Lloyd Jr. Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lloyd
Patricia Lloyd

Sandra J. Lorenzatti Scholarship

Dave & Maureen Lorenzatti
April Moore Simpson

Frances G. & Olgethia H. Louden Scholarship

Brenda Leontuk
Charlene Louden
Frances Louden
Olgethia Louden
David & Carol McGill
Loretta Wideman

Agnes Luddy Scholarship

Donna Perry
Dr. Carol J. Scales

G. Dearyl Lusk Scholarship

Ray Balentine
Al & Leigh Lusk Gambrell
Patrick Lusk

Roberta & Janie Craig Major Scholarship

In memory of Roberta Major
by Carolyn Adams
by Celia Anderson
by City of Greenwood
by Nancy Clem
by Daffodil Garden Club
by Myra Greene
by Linda Gillespie

GIFTS TO SCHOLARSHIPS

(continued)

Roberta & Janie Craig Major Scholarship

In memory of Roberta Major
by Jeanne Hughston
by Larry & Barbara Jackson
by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Joyce
by Palladian Study Club
by Wilma Reeves Phillips
by Linda Price
by Gerald & Rachel Price
by Jo Ann Purkerson
by Bonnie Ross
by Doris Sandberg
by Elaine Smith
by Nancy B. Thomas
by Nancy C. Thomas
by Hugh H. Tucker
by Claire Weston
by Catherine Wilson
by Michael & Betty Williams

John Martin Golf Scholarship

C. E. Bourne & Company
In memory of Alan Coursey
by Rich & Betty Adams
by Advanced Manufacturing
Tech Inc.
by Howard Aufderheide
by Don & Pat Boyce
by Wayne Castens
by Mr. and Mrs. James B. Counts
by Ed & Sheri Dennis
by Robert & Jayne Dietel
by Michael Eckstein
by Sandy Grebb
by Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Henderson
by Steve & Peggy Fitzgerald
Hobbs
by Larry & Barbara Jackson
by Mr. & Mrs. Donny Justus
by Samuel & Paulette King
by Fred McGuire
by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Orcutt
by Diane O'Shea
by Larry & Sue Palmer
by Sheryl Page
by Bob & Barbara Petrovits
by Patricia Sarver
by Hilda Sims
by Rose Towles
by Sandra Walker

William Martin Psychology Scholarship

In memory of Jeri Roberts
by Robin Lawrence
by Cathy Roberts

Dr. Leslie MacTaggart Myers Scholarship

Leslie MacTaggart Myers

Math Degree Scholarship

Wayne Carstens

Jeff J. May Scholarship

Roger "Chipper" Bagwell
Jimmy & Cheryl Bell
Kathy Cochran
Steve & Gayle Grogan
Jeff May
In honor of Jeff May's birthday
by Kent Atkins
by Chris Ayer
by Cheryl Bell
by Carol Byrd
by Joe Cabri
by Glen Crawford
by Susan Going

by Myra Greene
by Steve Grogan
by Bret Simpson
by Ashley Stathas
by Dixon & Eleanor Teal

Orvy & Jessie May Scholarship

Jeff May

Katherine O. McCoy Scholarship

Virginia Dubose
Pat Gibson
Eleanor Gray
Margaret Kinder
Mike Lewis
Mary Moore
Kathryn Somers
Mary Teague

Rebecca McDonald Education Scholarship

Harold E. Wood

Betsy Mickey McDowell Nursing Scholarship

Jean Langrehr
Dr. Betsy McDowell
Kathleen McDowell

Dr. David Nelson Scholarship

Erika Bartley
Allison Mast
Opal Sobieszczky

Men's Soccer Scholarship

Stillian Shishkov

Ashley & Roe Milling Funded Nursing Scholarship

David Brown
Joanne Gray
Marilyn Gray
Pamela Gray
Laura Ashley Phipps
Roe Milling
Thai & Christeen Sheridan
Phyllis Vuono
S. Rumthao & E. Zimik

Ida Lou Ashley Milling Nursing Scholarship

Roe Milling
In memory of Ashley Milling
by Linda Ballenger
by Leonard & Marlene Bowick
by Pascal & Julia Brock
by Al & Lee Burnett
by John & Kathryn Callery
by Maryliz Clark
by Margo Foster
by Greenwood Assoc. of Realtors
by Charles Hershey
by Rodney & Donna Johnson
by Buster Jones
by Carol Langley
by Harry & Holly Skipper
by Gladys Woodcock

Pearl Modica Scholarship

Kimberly Modica
In honor of Kimberly Modica
by Myra Greene

Mufuka Private Foundation Scholarship

Douglas & Jean Mufuka

Jarrod Nelson Graduate Nursing Scholarship

In honor of Robbie South
by Dr. Barbara T. Freese

Chris Nichols Scholarship

Jim Nichols

Floyd & Mamie Nicholson Scholarship

Floyd & Mamie Nicholson
Blanton & Anita Smith

Joyce J. Nickles Music Scholarship

Susanne Blumer
Jason & Deanna Eppley
Myra Greene
Priya Kumar
Joyce Nickles

Ralph & Grace Norman Scholarship

Carol Norman Burgess

North Carolina Alumni Scholarship

Ashaunta Epps
Farai Gwata
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth McGowens
Mr. & Mrs. Brandon D. Pitts
Stephanie Roe
Autumn Daniel Ross
Ellis and Avis Williams
Robert A. Woodard
Caroline Abrams Vervoort

Nursing Alumni Scholarship

Dori Dahlberg
Carrie Jimison
Kerry Weed Martin
Joye Newman

Outcasts Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. C. Wayne White

Jo Beth Owings Ouzts Scholarship

In memory of Sammy Ouzts
by Greer Austin
by Steve & Carol Byrd
by Richard Conn Family
by James & Rhetta Cothran
by Bonnie Dorn
by Iris Dorn
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hammett
by Alton & Barbara Lanier
by Mr. & Mrs. W. Terry LeCroy
by John & Emma May
by Nickles Family
by Joe & Racine Owings
by Jo Ann Purkerson
by Jerry & Jane Riddle
by Deborah Rogers
by Clarence & Nina Wrenn
In memory of Marion Tinney
by James & Rhetta Cothran
by CPW Family
by Eden Gardens of Greenwood
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hammett
by Alton & Barbara Lanier
by Nickles Family
by Ninety Six School District
by Mary Pinckney Ouzts Chapter
by Joe & Racine Owings
by Jo Ann Purkerson
by Deborah Rogers
by South Carolina Chiropractic
by Susan Waters
by Sandy & Cathy Wilkie
by Catherine C. Wilson
by Clarence & Nina Wrenn

Charles A. Park Scholarship

Dr. Otha L. Gray
Rodney & Robin Stone
Hugh Tucker

Perseverance in Nursing Scholarship

Sadea Rodgers

Pilot Club of Greenwood Scholarship

Pilot Club of Greenwood

Cindy Boggero Polatty Scholarship

In memory of Donnie Perry
by Dee & Linda Garner

Political & Social Science Scholarship

In memory of Jane Wilson
by Larry & Barbara Jackson

Marion E. & Margaret R. Poston Education Scholarship

Central Carolina Community
Foundation
Jeff May
Dorothy Poston
Kenny & Nancy Poston
Dr. Carol J. Scales

President's Scholarship

Tim & Marcia Hydrick

Earle & Jo Ann Purkerson Scholarship

Sallie S. Peebles
In memory of Earle Purkerson
by Jo Ann M. Purkerson

John Marvin Rast Scholarship

Sue Rast Foy

Dr. Lorraine Redderson Scholarship

Cheryl Browning

Reep-Darling Scholarship

Chandler Reep Darling
In honor of Chandler Darling's
Retirement
by Ann Carol Corley
by Debra Joe Franks
by Myra Greene
by Betty Jo Henderson
by Donna Johnson
by Pam Lytch
by Jo Ann Purkerson
by Nira Spivey
by Mae Starling Timmerman
by Beth Starling Wells
by Betty H. Williams
by Susan Wood

Wilma Wilson Reeves Scholarship

Helen Bryan
Lynne Reeves Hester
Frank Phillips
Wilma Reeves Phillips
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Reeves
Earlene Ramsey
In honor of Wilma & Frank Phillips'
Anniversary
In honor of Wilma Reeves Phillips'
Birthday
In honor of Wilma Phillips for
Christmas
by Frank Phillips
In honor of Wilma Reeves Phillips'
Birthday
by Helen Bryan

Barbara R. Richter Theatre Scholarship

Ronnie & Linda Kidd
In honor of Linda Kidd's Retirement
by Ralph Patterson
by Dixon & Eleanor Teal

Rebecca Bostic Riley Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bostic

James Stephen Roberts Scholarship

Steve Grogan
Col. James E. Nicholson

Steve & Dana Roberts

Robinson/Wilson Baseball Scholarship

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Cox
Michael & Betty Williams

Rotary Club Scholarship

Greenwood Rotary Club

Salvation Army Co-op Scholarship

Salvation Army

John G. Saris Foundation Scholarship

John G. Saris Foundation

Carol Scales Scholarship

William O. Lindsay III

Thomas N. Scales Scholarship in Health Care Management

Gary Graham
Dr. Carol J. Scales

Margaret Lander Scheibler Scholarship

Karen Aiken
Lorraine Angelino
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Ball
Cebal & Jeanna Balreira
Pam Bartley
Jolee Waddell Beaver
Andy Benoit
Stacy Bevell
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Bouknight
Holly Bracknell
Eddie Briggs
Suellen Campbell
Mary Jo Carpenter
Frances Bishop Cheek
Tracy Clifton
Jeff Constant
Nancy Crabbe
Mary C. Cutrell
Dori Dahlberg
Bernice Daugherty
Chandler Darling
Eboney Dendy
Alexander Drake
Cindy Dysart
Katie Finkbeiner Engram
Ursula Ferguson
Danielle Waldt Fields
Katherine Finkbeiner
Debra Joe Franks
Dr. Barbara Freese
Angela Fulbright
Stacey Gantt
Erin Garland
Sandra Garron
Pete Giacomelli
Myra Greene
Rachel Griggs
Steve Grogan
Gwen Gunnells
Brandon & Ashley Hartley
Maurice & Mary Holloway
Jeremy Horton
Leisa Myer Igleheart
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Jerry Stevens (left), senior vice president and market executive with First Citizens Bank in Greenwood, presents a check to Van Taylor, interim vice president for University Advancement and executive director of The Lander Foundation. The funds will be used to support the First Citizens Bank Scholarship, which was established for Lander business students, and the Forever Lander Excellence Fund.

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Golf Classic Tees Off for Higher Education

By Deb Nygro

Blue skies and lush green turf set the backdrop for a friendly competition between more than 100 players in mid-June who had gathered for a round of golf in the 3rd Annual Samuel Lander Golf Classic.

With a shotgun start, 27 teams scattered across the 18-hole lakeside course of The Links at Stoney Point. As temperatures soared into the 90s, each stroke led the groups of four closer to their common goal – to raise money for students at Lander University.

“This has been a wonderful event and is one of the most successful fundraisers we have had,” commented Van Taylor, interim vice president for University Advancement and executive director of The Lander Foundation. “We have increased the number of teams and are very thankful to our sponsors.”

Coordinated by the Lander Alumni Association, the 2016 golf classic raised about \$10,000. Proceeds support Lander students by providing assistance with scholarships, academic programs, Bearcat Athletics and other needs. To learn more about giving opportunities, contact The Lander Foundation by calling 864-388-8350.



Winners of the 3rd Annual Samuel Lander Golf Classic



First place tournament champions, from left: Joseph Lloyd, Jim Moneyhun, Bill Lloyd and Jeff May.



Second place winners, pictured from left: Brian Vahjen, Walter Roark and Chez Gosnell. Not pictured is Charlie Lloyd.



Third place winners, pictured from left: Steve Grogan and Dan Wideman. Not pictured are Mark Riddle and Steve Lee.



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Climbing Higher

Lander University continues to rise in *U.S. News and World Report's* annual ranking of schools.

In the 2017 rankings, released in September, Lander vaulted from #44 to #19 in the "Best Regional Colleges – South" category. The Regional Colleges category includes 334 public and private institutions. The university has risen 45 spots in those rankings in the past two years.

For the second straight year, Lander came in at #4 in the "Top Public Regional Colleges – South" category.

U.S. News and World Report has been ranking schools for more than 30 years and considers factors such as student graduation and retention rates; assessments of the institution by counselors and peers; faculty and financial resources; student selectivity and alumni giving.

Lander also made waves in *Washington Monthly's* 2016 school rankings, coming in at #32 in the "Best Bang for the Buck – Southeast Colleges" category, and #66 among the top baccalaureate colleges in the nation.

Dr. David Mash, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, attributed Lander's good showing to clear expectations from President Richard Cosentino that Lander frame its work around established best practices in higher education. "The talent and professional capacity of the faculty and staff at Lander is phenomenal, and it is gratifying to see this reflected in such a large improvement in our ranking over the last twelve months."

– photo by Laura M. Brown '16

